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Missed One

Editor:
A story that I think should've made the Top 10 Stories list (Dec. 28) but didn't is last winter's storms. January's windstorm and February's snowstorm literally altered the landscape of vast swaths of the county. Tens of thousands of trees were knocked down by the wind, and perhaps millions of understory trees (mostly tan oaks) and ferns were subsequently flattened by the snow. Any walk or drive through the county's inland forests illustrates the widespread impacts of these events, the effects of which will be felt for years to come. There are trails in Humboldt Redwoods State Park and Redwood National Park that are closed indefinitely due to the damage. Whether these storms were a direct consequence of human-induced climate change is impossible to say, but it is certain that climate change makes such events more likely and more frequent, so these storms can and should be considered a harbinger of things to come.

What story to take out to make room for this one? Jeffery Woodke's release, albeit a story with a happy ending, has no real bearing on the county and does not belong here.
Ken Burton, McKinleyville

'Offended, But Not Surprised'

Editor:
I was disappointed and offended, but not surprised, at the title of Jennifer Fumiko Cahill's article, "Top 10 D***k Moves of 2023" ("Top 10 Dick Moves of 2023," Dec. 28). Apparently, Ms. Cahill feels free to use a derogatory term, referring to male genitalia, to criticize her top 10 negative actions by men in 2023. She also implies that the reason that they are behaving badly is because they are men, a broad and biased generalization. I imagine that Ms. Cahill would be hor-

rified, as I would be horrified, if someone used the equivalent term "C**t" to refer to negative actions by women and used broad, negative generalizations about women. I also imagine that Ms. Cahill would justify her use of "D***K" because of the long history of bad behavior by men and, specifically, men treating women badly.
Michael Winkler, Arcata

'The Real Dick'

Editor:
I agree the real victim in this story is the girl. If her parents haven't taught her that stealing is wrong and disrespecting working employees doing their job is OK ... it leaves me wondering who the dick is in this story ... Jennifer?
Pete Haggard, McKinleyville

'Why the Secrecy?'

Editor:
I enjoyed Jennifer Fumiko Cahill's Top Ten Dick Moves of 2023 in the Dec. 28 issue (Rex Bohn gets a two-fer!). One she missed is the lack of transparency by the Coast Central Credit Union's board of directors. Why won't the board reveal the number of votes each candidate received in the 2023 board election or the number of ballots cast? As a member-owned nonprofit, you would think this information would be pertinent to its members. Why the secrecy? As a CCCU member, I would like to know the numbers from the 2023 board election as well as the from the upcoming 2024 election.
Damon Maguire, McKinleyville

'Profit Over Patients'

Editor:
I went with my husband to visit a friend at Granada Rehab in Eureka on Dec. 24. During the visit we were told that the roommate was contagious with COVID-19. We started to leave but another nurse said she was not contagious. Three days later, my husband and I, aged 80 years, both came down with COVID. But worse, our friend also was infected and who knows how many other patients and visiting public. A call to Granada was met with great surprise from the head nurse, who sounded amazed that we were told the neighbor patient was negative — so apparently it was well-known that that person was contagious, and yet they put our friend in the same room with her and gave misleading information to visitors. Two days later, both women within were tested as COVID positive and their door shut. The nurses and others at Granada were kind and helpful. But they clearly are understaffed (and probably underpaid) and lack oversight and coordinated leadership, obviously suffering from the nationwide malaise of privatized ownership of such facilities that put profit over patients (and public safety). The current private owner is Shlomo Rechnitz, an LA entrepreneur who owns multiple skilled nursing homes (SNF) across the state. His notorious record has been examined by the *North Coast Journal* on multiple occasions ("Troubled Nursing Home Chain Owner Shlomo Rechnitz Gets New Licenses Just Before State Reforms Take Effect," June 30), exhibiting a behavior summed up by state Assemblymember Jim Wood as he introduced a bill last February to control

Message:
The Quest

Atlanta born there was a man who in his youth had known the wrongs of racial hate—and thus began the quest where living love belongs. Of brotherhood he dared to dream: so, peaceful action was the way. Amid sin's torrent truth would stream: by words and courage, hearts he'd sway. With truth in triumph, Glory bound: Our brother gone, our freedom found.

A shadow then was o'er our land as an entitlement unpaid. There came a time to take a stand: true justice must not be delayed. This man knew well what was at stake: the righteous whirlwinds of revolt would make our land's foundations shake—as Selma was a thunderbolt. With truth in triumph, Glory bound: Our brother gone, our freedom found.

There is a spirit of decay which vies within the human heart. In early April came a day when that wrong spirit did impart an act for which all words do fail. That early April brought a deed which for all time did lift the veil of where a valiant life may lead. With truth in triumph, Glory bound: Our brother gone, our freedom found.

— Dale Mensing

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hiding profits in other companies they own, while at the same time decreasing staffing in facilities and risking the lives of residents.”

This is surely the case with Grenada. Until we achieve a universal, guaranteed, single-payer healthcare system that would regulate nursing homes and support patients over profits, anyone will be hard-pressed to find dependable, safe care for the ill and elderly.

Patty Harvey, Willow Creek

‘Win-Win’

Editor:

In recent discussions at the McKinleyville Municipal Advisory Committee meetings, the idea of reducing Central Avenue from five lanes to two, with the integration of roundabouts, has emerged as a winning innovation to help create a sense of place in our town center. The proposed transformation is a strategic move toward fostering a safer, more sustainable and community-friendly environment. Enhanced safety: The reduction of lanes minimizes the risk of high-speed collisions and creates a pedestrian-friendly space (“Stop Blaming the Victims of Bad Road Design and Unsafe Driving,” Nov. 2). Roundabouts, with their proven record of reducing severe accidents, provide a smoother traffic flow and fewer conflict points than traditional intersections, making Central Avenue a safer place for both drivers and pedestrians. Sustainability: The incorporation of roundabouts encourages a more efficient use of fuel, promoting environmental conservation and aligning with the global effort to combat climate change. We also save resources related to traffic lights and their maintenance. More fluid vehicle movement supplies quicker commute times, too. Sense of community: By slowing down traffic and creating a more inviting atmosphere, it encourages people to explore local businesses and engage with their surround-

ings. The redesigned “main drag” becomes a destination rather than a mere passageway, promoting social interactions and community bonding.

While this change has been met with some resistance, it is important to recognize that this transformation is an investment in the future well-being and prosperity of our community. If you live in/near McKinleyville, please contact your representatives at the McKinleyville Municipal Advisory Committee (in person, on Zoom, or write a letter), the Humboldt County Planning Department and/or Supervisor Steve Madrone. Voice your support for a walkable McKinleyville. If we plan well now, our town can likely get this upgrade largely funded by Caltrans. Win-win.

Jim Hilton, McKinleyville

Correction

A photo caption on page 2 of the Jan. 4, 2024, edition of the *North Coast Journal* misspelled Miss Indian World 2023 Tori McConnell’s name. The *Journal* regrets the error.

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‘I Order Him Released’

After months in limbo, Steven Dinsmore granted another chance at freedom

By Thadeus Greenson

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After living in a kind of legal and custodial purgatory in the Humboldt County jail for months, Steven Dinsmore is once again a free man.

Humboldt County Superior Court Judge John Feeney resentenced Dinsmore on Jan. 8 pursuant to a new state law that took effect on the first of the year and ordered Dinsmore, who he'd sentenced back in 2007 to serve more than 29 years in state prison after his conviction for assaulting a sheriff's deputy with a firearm, released from custody that day. Friends and family who'd packed Feeney's courtroom for the occasion, including one of Dinsmore's daughters and his 94-year-old grandmother, let out brief exclamations of joy and relief as Feeney issued his ruling, shattering the usual atmosphere of such staid proceedings.

Feeney, who'd ordered Dinsmore released from custody in 2022 after dismissing a 10-year firearms enhancement that accompanied his original sentence only to have an appellate court overturn that decision, forcing him to remand Dinsmore back into custody after 15 months as a free man, repeated his belief at the hearing that Dinsmore has been rehabilitated.

"At this time, the court does find that Mr. Dinsmore has clearly demonstrated his rehabilitation," Feeney said. "This court finds that Mr. Dinsmore no longer poses a threat to public safety."

Feeney's ruling — in line with his stated intent when he used his own judicial discretion to set a resentencing hearing for Dinsmore and following the tentative ruling he voiced at the outset of the hearing — is believed to be the first resentencing of an inmate in the state under Assembly Bill 600. Authored with the help of Dinsmore's appellate attorney, Richard Braucher, the new law gives judges the discretion to recall and resentence inmates at their own discretion in instances where sentencing laws have changed since their underlying conviction and sentencing.

Dinsmore, 48, was convicted in 2006 and served more than 17 years in prison, spending the majority of his adult life in a 6-by-10-foot cell, before filing for a writ of habeas corpus in December of 2021 after the legislature passed a law making the type of 10-year firearm enhancement imposed as a part of his initial sentence discretionary. At a hearing before Feeney, Dinsmore argued that the enhancement should be stricken, saying he'd been rehabilitated while in custody, earning his GED and completing dozens of courses while in-custody, including a 14-month substance abuse program and a victim impact class.

The Humboldt County District Attorney's Office argued against Dinsmore's release, saying his judgment was final and without something challenging the legality of his sentence or conviction, the court didn't have authority to resentence him under the new law, which was not retroactive and thus didn't apply to Dinsmore or anyone else sentenced prior to it going into effect.

In May of 2022, with Dinsmore appearing before him via Zoom from Coalinga State Prison, Feeney indicated he was moved by Dinsmore's "sincere remorse" for his past crimes and "impressive record of rehabilitative work." He ruled that Dinsmore's continued incarceration was "no longer in the interest of justice" and ordered him released from prison. But by the time Dinsmore walked out of the prison's gates a week later, the DA's office had already filed an appeal, arguing Feeney had overstepped the law.

As the appeal moved through the system, Dinsmore moved on with his life and, as he told the *Journal*, tried to make the most of his freedom. He got work — first as a handyman, then in a full-time position for Caltrans — and reconciled with his daughters, both little when he went to prison and now adults with six children between them. He reconnected with an old high school acquaintance and they got

engaged, moving into a home together in Redding. He continued attending substance abuse support meetings and was discharged from an indeterminate parole within just seven months.

"His parole was stellar," his agent would later tell Feeney at a hearing, adding that Dinsmore passed every random drug and alcohol screening he was given and cleared every hurdle the state put in front of him with "zero violations, zero issues."

But two months later, in March, the California First District Court of Appeals ruled that Feeney had acted without legal authority and reinstated Dinsmore's 10-year firearm enhancement. The ruling meant Dinsmore would have to complete his original sentence but the appellate court left room for prosecutors to exercise their discretion and consider "appropriate alternatives to returning defendant to state prison." But when the matter came back to Humboldt County Superior Court in August, the DA's office indicated it had no interest in exploring alternatives and Dinsmore — dressed in his Caltrans uniform and expecting to return to work that day — was remanded back into custody.

Since that day, Dinsmore and his attorney, Ben McLaughlin, have tried multiple avenues to see him released from custody on some kind of government supervision and electronic monitoring but Feeney ultimately decided he did not have the authority to release a state prison inmate.

In the meantime, Braucher's efforts on Dinsmore's behalf bore fruit in October, when the governor signed A.B. 600 into law, giving Feeney the same legal authority the appellate court ruled he did not have to strike that firearm enhancement after the new year. So at the same hearing in October at which Feeney determined he did not have the authority to release Dinsmore, he set a Jan. 8 court date, on his own motion, to consider his resentencing pursuant to the new law.

At that hearing, with every seat in Feeney's courtroom filled and several people standing in the back, the judge briefly noted Dinsmore's "very significant" record of rehabilitation before turning to the events of Nov. 6, 2005, which the judge said he remembers "extremely well." Dinsmore had been the passenger in a car pulled over for expired registration tags and had a misdemeanor warrant out for his arrest. When then deputy — now undersheriff — Justin Braud approached the car, Dinsmore attempted to flee, then fought with the deputy. Deputy Michael Fridley and two others came to Braud's aid and attempted to restrain Dinsmore when, according to a report in the *Times-Stan-*

dard, Dinsmore drew a .50 caliber "Desert Eagle" handgun from his waistband and pointed it at Braud, threatening to shoot him if deputies didn't allow him to leave, at which point Fridley grabbed the weapon as Dinsmore pulled the trigger, with Fridley's finger blocking the hammer from reaching the firing pin.

"All the officers showed great restraint," Feeney said, crediting that and Fridley's "extremely heroic" act with ensuring the incident did not result in "extreme bodily injury or death."

After Feeney's comments, McLaughlin addressed the court, arguing that Dinsmore's record speaks to his rehabilitation, noting that he hadn't received a disciplinary write up in eight years, all the course work completed in custody, his successful discharge from parole after his release and his work as a "model inmate" in the county jail since being remanded.

"Mr. Dinsmore would like nothing more than to be back with his family, to go to school and become a productive member of society," McLaughlin said.

Asked for his input, Deputy District Attorney Luke Bernthal countered that Dinsmore's record does not warrant a second chance. Before the crime in this case, Bernthal said Dinsmore had been convicted of stealing a shotgun — a strike offense — and that his violations in custody have been "numerous and serious." Bernthal then rattled off a list of offenses documented in Dinsmore's prison file: manufacturing a weapon in 2008, manufacturing alcohol in 2009, distributing a substance in 2012, testing positive for drugs in 2013, fighting in 2014, possessing alcohol in 2015.

"Based on all that, the people would object to resentencing at this time," he said.

McLaughlin countered: "After the last writeup, the court can see that Mr. Dinsmore began to complete milestone after milestone after milestone."

Feeney agreed, reiterating for at least the fourth time in open court that he believes Dinsmore had "clearly demonstrated his rehabilitation." Then, he officially struck the 10-year firearm enhancement, resentencing Dinsmore to time served.

"I order him released from custody on today's date," the judge said, drawing brief cheers and an outpouring of tears from Dinsmore's friends and family. ●

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On the Finding of 'Human Remains' in the Dunes

By Jennifer Savage

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As I write this on a Sunday night, more than 48 hours have elapsed since the sheriff's office "received a call regarding human remains found by beachgoers in the area of the Manila Dunes" about a half-mile from my house. I learned about it the next morning when my county supervisor texted that a body had been found in an encampment near my dune-adjacent neighborhood. A press release would be forthcoming. Sure enough, the press release arrived on local media outlets around noon, noting that "the unidentified male is believed to have died under suspicious circumstances. The cause and manner of death remain under investigation."

With little official information to go on, neighbors relied on each other to figure out what might have happened and how concerned we should be about those "suspicious circumstances." When I called the sheriff's office in hopes of finding out more, I was told they didn't think safety was an issue, to just give them a call if anyone sees anything. My friend down the way reported the scanner traffic log item on the matter refers to deputies responding to the 1600 block of Peninsula Drive. This is the main trail through the dunes to the beach and used by most people who come out to walk their dog or ride their horse. It starts between Redwood Coast Montessori's classrooms and the school's playground. The trail at the south end of the road is the one that leads more directly into the forest and the encampments within.

We've all known about the increase in people setting up camps in the dune forest and hollows, some complete with shacks and wind-generated electricity. We've seen the fires, the trash, the beach pines and Doug fir branches cut down, the new spurs off the main hiking trail, the dune hollows made into homesteads. Rarely have I run into any

of the people making homes on what is public land (all originally stolen from the Wiyot, I should note) managed by our local community services district. Except the word "managing" implies the resources to do so, which, like adequate housing, do not exist.

The general consensus among the neighbors I talk to is that everyone wants people to have safe shelter, that people have a right to shelter. People also generally agree that setting up camps in the dunes is not safe shelter, that carving out space in an area meant to be protected is not OK. I also see how the *us/them* divide grows as the ability to hike along public trails is compromised by what you might find: trash, human waste and now, tragically, human remains. Exercising the right to immerse oneself in the splendor of the dune forest appeals less when your trust in that experience as reasonably safe has been eroded. You definitely don't send your kids out to explore alone.

No one wants to be the bad guy, the uncompassionate jerk thumbing toward the dunes demanding the county "get those people out of there!" No one has a clear answer, either, including me. On Dec. 20, 2021, I sent an email to the community services district, the county, the sheriff's office and the Coastal Commission:

As an fyi — and you may know this already — an increasing number of people are creating living situations in the dune forest west of Manila. One dwelling even has a resourceful power supply in the form of a handmade windmill planted on top of the dune with extension cords running into the forest.

I'm guessing that most Manila residents would, like me, prefer people to have better shelter and access to services instead of makeshift campgrounds in the dunes creating environmental impact and safety concerns,

but I don't know what can be done considering a vast number of people lack proper shelter and are thus making their own where they can, which is often in our shared open spaces.

ASK: *I would like to know who is responsible for managing the property where people have built dwellings — can someone help with that? And if anyone has any suggestions for how to balance compassion for our fellow humans with a desire to protect sensitive habitat and ensure safe coastal recreation, I'd love to hear about it.*

Everyone responded with acknowledgment that, yes, the situation is a problem, a pervasive one that repeats around the county despite the best efforts of government, law enforcement and community organizations. Everyone said more resources are needed for a true solution, but that attempts would be made. Over the past two years, other neighbors have raised the issue and been met with similar responses. Officials did address a camp that people had set up just over the property line of a resident whose backyard connects to open space. The nightly yelling from that site couldn't be ignored. But five minutes deeper into the forest? If anything, the situation's grown more locked in.

But now a body's been found. Maybe that will mean something — it must mean a great deal to a family somewhere — or maybe the collective official response will be another press release or two, dutifully printed by local media, and we'll all go on uneasily co-existing out here, wishing for a compassionate path while avoiding the actual ones, hoping things don't get worse.

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Appeal Puts Schneider Mansion in Coastal Commission's Hands

It's been more than six months since the Humboldt County Planning Commission voted unanimously to approve the permits and permit modifications necessary for local developer Travis Schneider to tear down his partially constructed family mansion overlooking the Fay Slough Wildlife Area.

The deal ratified by the commission in July would have seen Schneider avoid up to \$3.6 million in fines for a long list of permit violations by tearing down his partially constructed, more than 20,000-square-foot home, removing up to 15,000 cubic yards of fill dirt brought to the property, returning it to its natural grade and gifting a portion of it containing a documented archeological site to a third party to be held for the three local area Wiyot tribes. But six months later, the structure's graying skeletal framing remains at the foot of Walker Point Road, with the California Coastal Commission having appealed the county's decision.

Schneider submitted a host of documents to the commission's staff Jan. 5 — including surveying maps, restoration and monitoring plans, and aquatic resource declinations — needed before the commission schedules a full appeal hearing for the case.

Current Commission Chair Caryl Hart and then Commission Chair Donne Brownsey appealed the planning commission decision back in August, arguing that approval of the permits and permit modifications was inconsistent with Humboldt County's certified local coastal program when it came to standards regarding archeological resources and protections of environmentally sensitive areas.

Schneider did not respond to a request for comment for this story. Humboldt County Planning Director John Ford, meanwhile, told the *Journal* he was aware of the appeal but had not received an update on where it stands.

The project has been mired in controversy since Dec. 27, 2021, when the county issued a stop work order on construction of Schneider's family home after determining he'd built on a footprint different than the one on approved plans and thus encroached on mandated wetland setbacks on the property. Additionally, Schneider was found to have violated his permits by clearing environmentally sensitive habitat

and grading over a known culturally sensitive archeological site — a well-preserved, pre-contact Wiyot village first documented in 1918 — while also cutting an unpermitted temporary access road on the property. Schneider then defiantly continued construction activities for 50 days after the issuance of a stop-work order.

Things then came to a very public head in August of 2022, when Schneider's application for permit modifications needed to resume construction came before the Humboldt County Planning Commission. The Wiyot Tribe, the Blue Lake Rancheria and coastal commission objected, saying more time was needed to finalize details of a remediation plan. The entities' opposition set off then Planning Commission Chair Alan Bongio — First District Supervisor Rex Bohn, who'd appointed Bongio to the commission, would later say he "got caught up in the fever" — with Bongio launching into several rants in Schneider's defense and making far-reaching comments about "Indians," accusing tribes of trying to extort more concessions out of the developer and playing a "game" with cultural resources. He further accused the tribes of reneging on an agreement — though he said he "had another term for it, but whatever." (Bongio would later apologize to the tribes if he "in any way offended them.")

The comments led the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors to unanimously vote to censure Bongio and ask him to step down as the commissions' chair, which he did. But the fallout continued. Bongio's comments thrust the project under increased scrutiny and it was discovered Schneider's permit violations were far more extensive than previously known — the home under construction is more than twice the permitted size, Schneider hauled in 10 times more fill dirt to the property than his coastal development permit allowed and began construction without having secured a septic permit — and that Bongio (a relative of Schneider's by marriage) had personally done some unpaid work on the project he'd failed to disclose publicly. The controversy grew.

In October of 2022, the planning commission penned a letter of apology to local Wiyot area tribes, stating "unequivocally" that Bongio's comments "were insensitive,

racist, inconsistent with the values of the county of Humboldt, biased and understandably may have shaken your faith in the impartiality of this commission." Two months later, Bongio resigned his post on the commission to "focus on his family and business," as announced by Bohn. Voters also ousted him from the seat on the Humboldt Community Services District Board of Directors that he'd held for 24 years, since taking it over from his father, Aldo Bongio, who held it for 34.

After months of negotiations, Schneider agreed in April to a deal that would see him tear down the existing structure, restore the property and pursue a lot-line adjustment that would allow him to convey the property with the archeological site to an entity to be held for the Wiyot area tribes. After all that was done, the remaining portion of the property would hold no entitlements, meaning any construction would have to begin the permit process anew. Ford told the *Journal* that dedication of the property would be "in lieu of the payments of penalties" Schneider faced, though he would be charged for staff time.

But throughout this whole process, the coastal commission has loomed, as Schneider's beginning construction of the house on a footprint that was different than approved and that encroached on a wetland put the project in the commission's jurisdiction on appeal. And it was the coastal commission's leverage and input, as relayed through Ford's warnings, that scuttled a prior proposal that would have allowed Schneider to resume construction and sent all parties back to the negotiating table.

"The very definitive takeaway is that what's being proposed doesn't go nearly far enough," Ford told the commission at the time, saying he'd spoken to commission staff locally, in San Francisco and "on up the food chain." He said, "They believe there needs to be restitution and fines imposed."

That reality led to the ultimate agreement approved by the planning commission in July, in which Schneider agreed to remove the structure, restore the site, convey a portion of the land (which has an approximate assessed value of \$164,000, according to county records) to be held for the Wiyot area tribes in exchange for the county forgiving up to \$3.6 million in fines

and penalties.

The coastal commission appeal filed by Brownsey and Hart primarily takes issue with a lack of specificity with the land conveyance approved by the planning commission.

"There were no conditions attached to the modified permit that require the applicant to convey the property with the sensitive archeological site, that specify to whom the property should be conveyed, and that include timelines for when the conveyance should occur," the appeal states, adding that the county also imposed no restrictions on how the property could be used in the future.

Additionally, the appeal notes, the lot line adjustment necessary to convey the land requires coastal commission approval which, at the time of the appeal, Schneider had not applied for. The appeal also raises concerns that the county's conditions of approval are so unspecific they may allow for the property to be sold or transferred without the mitigation measures implemented and with some development entitlements intact.

But the appeal essentially puts all aspects of the agreement, and associated permits and permit modifications, back on the table.

Coastal Commission North Coast District Manager Melissa Kraemer told the *Journal* no date has yet been set for an appeal hearing and that commission staff have been working with the three area Wiyot tribes, as well as the California Department of Fish and Wildlife and the Coastal Conservancy, to determine which state entity or nonprofit might be able to accept the land conveyance on behalf of the tribes and the legal details of such an arrangement.

"It is our hope that we can work out all the issues to resolve the appeal and process the application to enable demolition and restoration work to stay on track for completion by July of 2024 (which was the original timeline imposed by the Planning Commission, who limited work to the dry season)," Kraemer wrote in an email to the *Journal*.

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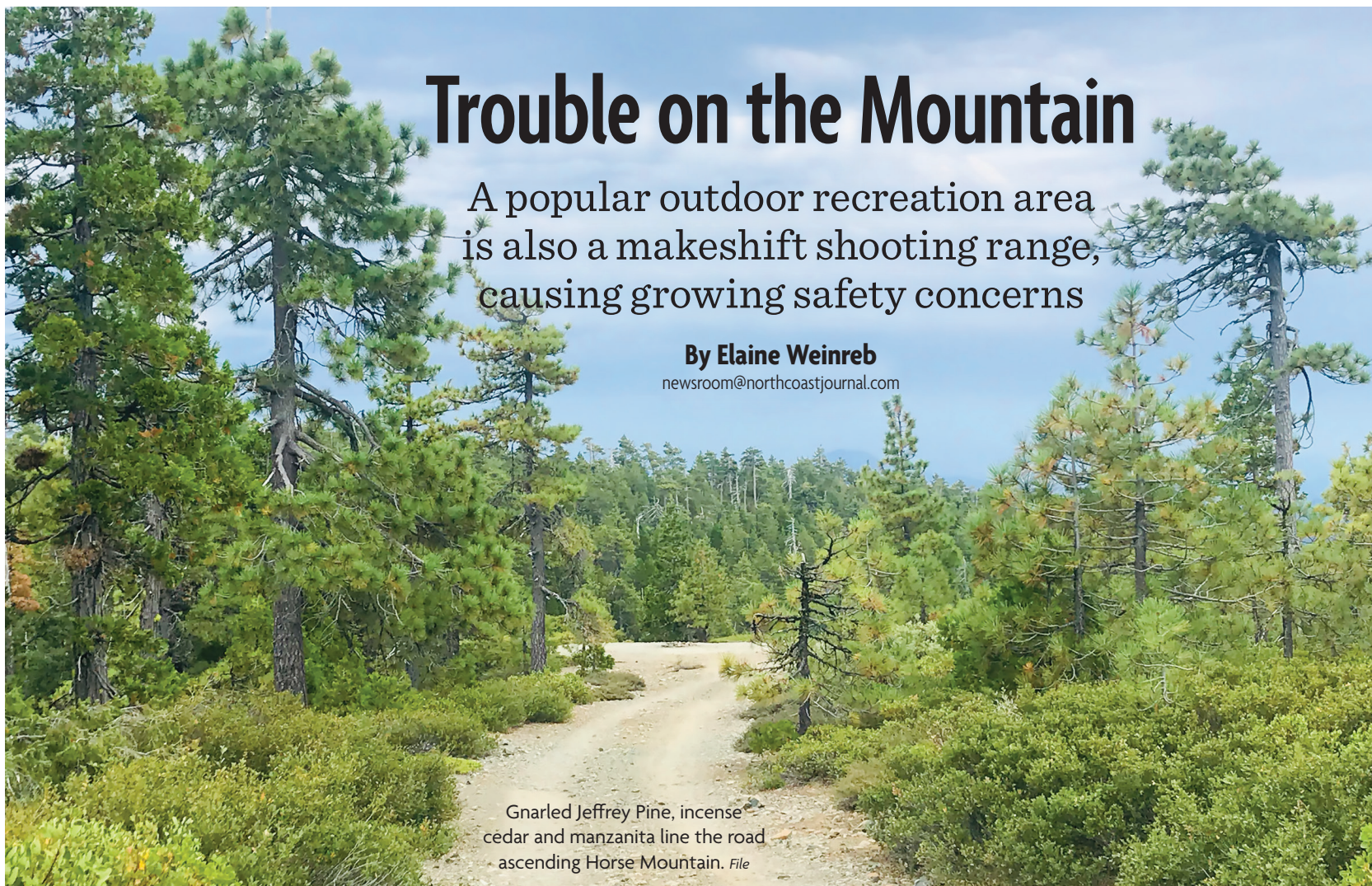
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Trouble on the Mountain

A popular outdoor recreation area is also a makeshift shooting range, causing growing safety concerns

By Elaine Weinreb

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Gnarled Jeffrey Pine, incense cedar and manzanita line the road ascending Horse Mountain. *File*

Horse Mountain is a popular place for outdoor enthusiasts in the Humboldt Bay area. In the winter, the 4,880-foot peak attracts snowboarders, sledgers, skiers and snowshoers. In the spring, summer and autumn, it brings birders, wildflower viewers, hikers, photographers and rock-climbers, while history buffs enjoy the remnants of an old quarry where copper was once mined, and the remnants of an old ski lodge. Technology buffs gape at the array of communication towers at the mountain's summit. Recreational target shooters also pick up their guns and set up their targets in an unmarked area near the top. Many of them shoot into an old quarry, believing its uneven walls are an adequate backstop for their bullets.

Many of these uses can coexist safely within the 1-square-mile area sitting off State Route 299 about 23 miles east of Blue Lake, but the shooting has long caused a host of concerns, especially considering the designated walking trails near the quarry.

To make matters even more complex, the top of the mountain has been designated a Botanical Area by the U.S. Forest Service. The area contains many rare and endangered plants, which thrive there

because of the mountain top's unique geological composition. Most plants cannot survive in serpentine soil, but many of those that can are not found in other forests and meadows. Among other things, the area contains a particular group of Port Orford cedars genetically diverse from every other Port Orford cedar in California.

At present, nothing designates the Botanical Area, except for a sign, but it is well known to members of the California Native Plant Society (CNPS), who often go there to monitor the health of endangered wildflowers, shrubs and trees.

Carol Ralph, president of the North Coast CNPS branch, said she is disturbed by the presence of shooters in and close to the botanical preserve. Many, she said, are careless about picking up the shells and casings dropped from their firearms, or pack in old TVs, empty beer cans and other objects to serve as targets, leaving them to rust when they are through. Others shoot at the Jeffrey pines, she said, filling them with holes, which eventually disturbs the trees' vascular systems, killing them. Even more of a problem is the lack of adequate backstops, which are essential to safe target shooting. There are many stories, she said, of people coming around

a bend in a trail to hear bullets whizzing by.

"Up at Horse Mountain, people have been target-shooting for generations," said Ralph. "There are dads there teaching their kids how to do it. They were taught by their dads how to shoot, umpteen years ago. It's a nice place, and some of the shooters appreciate that. But there is really not a safe place to shoot where you are not endangering people who are up there doing other things."

The mountain falls within Six Rivers National Forest but she said the U.S. Forest Service has been reluctant to crack down on the shooting because its mandate is to allow all kinds of outdoor recreation, which includes target shooting.

The *Journal* interviewed several gun owners to get their take on this situation. Most would only speak on condition of anonymity, saying it's become a highly divisive social issue. But longtime Humboldt resident Byrd Lochtie spoke to the *Journal* freely, saying her father led a junior rifle club and she and all her siblings grew up shooting.

"I learned to shoot when I was 5 years old," Lochtie said. "Target shooting is what we did. Target shooting teaches you discipline, honesty, gratification when you get a good score and the push to better your

own score."

"We shot in quarries," she continued. "My dad had steel plate backings. Every target was in a frame. And it had a steel backing to it. We shot against quarry walls that had no trails or anything up above them — no houses, no trails, nothing. We had permission from the quarry owner to be there."

She said her father taught them not to shoot at anything other than the targets, with their steel plates behind them, to ensure there weren't ricochets.

"We followed the rules and learned them, and learned the discipline of them," Lochtie said. "I know it's very different now. Some people don't think they should have rules. They should be able to do just what they want. Not all target shooters are like that. But there are some. And they are probably the ones who are shooting at cans or televisions or anything."

Ralph said the forest service has not done much to address the growing concerns on Horse Mountain.

"CNPS has been writing them letters [for] at least 10 years, saying this target shooting in the botanical area isn't any good," she said.

Ralph said target shooting was a docu-

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Sitting about 23 miles east of Blue Lake on State Route 299, Horse Mountain is popular among outdoor enthusiasts of all kinds, including bird watchers, mountain climbers, hikers, snowboarders and skiers, as well as target shooters. *Map by Holly Harvey*

mented concern when the Horse Mountain Botanical Area was created in 1998, mentioned in the forest service's management strategy for the area. The document established the Botanical Area's boundaries and specified that it was formed to protect the unique vegetation for public use, education and enjoyment.

"In the description that they give in this document from 1998, they mention that target shooting is a problem and is going to have to be dealt with," Ralph said. "Even back then it was a problem. It still is a problem."

That problem grew along with the mountain's popularity as a recreation site, she said.

"Over the years, more and more people have discovered that it's a nice place to go hiking," Ralph said. "Hiking and rock-climbing. Botanizing and birdwatching. Those kinds of things. And the target areas are not set up in a way that is safe. This is a serious issue at this point because of the increase in recreation up there by people who don't want to be shot."

Ann Wallace, another CNPS member who said she's been visiting Horse Mountain for 50 years, agreed, noting the site is also a popular destination for wildlife photographers and disc golfers, complete with a course. And it's been a popular place for people to go play in the snow going back 75 years, she said.

"Now there is more target shooting," Wallace said. "Target shooting goes in and out of fashion. Right now, a lot of people are doing target shooting. It seems to be popular."

A former U.S. Forest Service employee, who spoke to the *Journal* on the condition of anonymity to honestly detail concerns brought to the agency, said she regularly heard from members of the public who felt endangered on Horse Mountain.

There was the Humboldt State University student who was working on a science project when they heard gunshots and saw bullets ricochet off nearby trees; the hikers who were walking through the white pine serpentine savanna when they

heard a bullet whiz past; and even a U.S. Forest Service staffer who was conducting rare plant monitoring when they heard bullets whistle by, she said.

Wallace described another near miss. She said a group of Kentucky rock climbers learned about Horse Mountain from a website, which gave specific instructions on where to go, but were dismayed to find the area covered with trash. They were



Various litter and debris is left at a makeshift shooting range on Horse Mountain. *Submitted*



A Problem Since Inception

The founding document for the Horse Mountain Botanical Area, as published by the Forest Service, addressed the issue of target shooting:

"Target shooting occurs along the southern boundary of the botanical area. Recreationists shoot into the borrow pits and into the dirt banks in this area. Target and other litter are often visible. Noise from gun shots can be heard. Hunting (bow and gun) occurs throughout the area, especially during deer season. Primitive hunter camps are interspersed throughout this dispersed area and have been noted within the botanical area through the presence of fire rings.

Possible Management Activities:

1. Remove material that has been dumped at the mine site and along the Horse Mountain mine road.
2. Remove targets at the mine tailing site; periodically rid the area of target shooting debris.
3. Post appropriate regulations near sites traditionally used for target shooting. Employ law enforcement officer to periodically patrol the area.
4. Consider partnership with local hunting or gun club to manage under a special use permit.
5. Consider eliminating shooting within the [Special Interest Area]. If eliminated, seek another site that provides safe conditions."

Source: Special Interest Area Management Strategy version 1.0 published by USDA Forest Service Pacific Southwest Region Six Rivers National Forest in January of 1998

even more dismayed, she said, when, after reaching the summit, a different group of people arrived with their guns and began shooting in their direction. The climbers yelled for help and finally got down safely, Wallace said.

There are other stories, too.

"A local cyclist rode to Horse Mountain during an event called 'From Sea to Summit,'" Wallace recalled. "She rode all the way there from Mad River Beach on some back country roads and when she got up there to where the target shooting is, she couldn't go all the way to the top of the mountain because there was just shooting everywhere and she didn't feel safe."

The equestrian community has also been affected. Wallace said her daughters were part of a group that put together a 17-mile horse trail that soon fell out of use.

"The last time they were on it, they said they'd never go up there again," Wallace said. "These people had set up a target that was in a row, right in the center of their trail They set up a target right where they would be coming and [the equestrians] knew the people couldn't hear them. They had to turn and go way back."

Another CNPS member said she and her husband, both well-practiced target shooters, made the trip up to Horse Mountain to hike but left quickly, feeling the situation was unsafe.

Ralph said she and a group of concerned citizens went up the mountain with the idea of documenting where target shooting is occurring — she said the group found people had been "shoot-ing every which way" — and, hopefully,

identifying a safer alternative site. She said the group ventured down various roads but couldn't find a safer site that seemed to meet shooters' evident desires.

"Judging by the two main shooting places, what most people are looking for is someplace where they can be right by their car and shoot ... [where] they don't have to walk anywhere," she said.

Although there are at least two legal gun ranges within an hour's drive of the mountain, they generally do not appeal to the Horse Mountain shooters, said Ralph.

"There are two gun clubs, plus the skeet shooting club," she said. "There's the Redwood Gun Club, which is the one down here in Manila, and there's the Long Prairie Gun and Archery Club, which is on the left side on the way up to Lord Ellis. ... They all have memberships, so you have to pay, and they have hours so you can only go when they're open to the public if you're not a member."

Both the Redwood Gun Club and the Long Prairie Gun and Archery Club also require new members to join the National Rifle Association for insurance reasons, which costs money and may not appeal to

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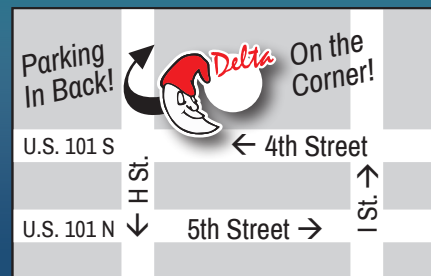
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those who either oppose the NRA's policies or just want to keep their politics separate from their recreational activities.

There are also indoor shooting ranges in Eureka but they may not appeal to people who want to get out into the wilderness.

Some have pushed the forest service to simply close land around the Horse Mountain Botanical Area to shooters but the agency has expressed reticence to do so, citing the Dingell Act, a package of laws passed in 2019 that expressly call on the agency to expand "recreational shooting opportunities" and strictly limit conditions under which an area can be closed to shooting.

As one local gun enthusiast told the *Journal*: "Any public land is open to shooting. Period."

Joann Kerns, another CNPS member, stressed the society is taking this on as a safety issue, not because it's anti-firearm.

"We're not necessarily asking for a closure because we don't like target shooters," she said. "We're asking for a closure because [target shooting is] not consistent with the values that a special Botanical Area is established for. In terms of that special Botanical Area, it's a very interesting document, and it states very clearly that it's a Special Botanical Area designated by the U.S. Forest Service for these reasons and that target shooting is inconsistent with those values. This is in their management plan from 1998."

The *Journal* asked both the Humboldt County Sheriff's Office and several staffers at the U.S. Forest Service about the situation on Horse Mountain. The sheriff's office did not respond by deadline, but Betsy Totten, a spokesperson for Six Rivers National Forest, replied by email on behalf of the agency.

"Our agency values the diverse interests of all who recreate on the Six Rivers National Forest," Totten said. "We are actively working on finding safe and sustainable solutions for all parties involved. We want all members of the public to have positive experiences on our multi-use federal lands and our mission is always to listen and consider all people. While we cannot comment on any specific actions, Forest service law enforcement is just like any other law enforcement agency. If laws are

broken, they will act accordingly in accordance with the law."

According to the U.S. Forest Service's website, the law is clear on the issue, saying target shooting is prohibited if done in a manner "that endangers persons or property."

"It is prohibited to shoot ... in any manner where any person or property is exposed to injury or damage as a result of such discharge," the site states. "In general, you should target shoot only if you use approved targets along with a safe, 'bullet-proof' backstop. Do not attach your targets to vegetation of structures such as trees, log decks, slash piles, fences or water tanks."

Wallace pointed out that private owners of timberlands, such as Green Diamond, seem to be more concerned about the safety of their workers than the U.S. Forest Service is.

"The Long Prairie range [which borders Green Diamond property] is well set up, with distances and terraces," she said, "but the timber people were up there doing their timber harvest plans and, when they heard the target shooters, they got out of there. So Green Diamond had the Long Prairie range shut down. They take better care of their employees than the forest service did, where one of their staffers had bullets whizzing around her."

One hunter interviewed by the *Journal*, who requested anonymity discussing a divisive issue within shooting communities locally, said he understands the draw of Horse Mountain, one of few easily accessible places people can go and shoot for free.

Saying he took up hunting for ethical reasons — he doesn't trust corporate meat suppliers or condone the conditions most livestock are raised in — he said responsible shooting requires extensive safety procedures that would-be hunters are expected to know before obtaining license in California.

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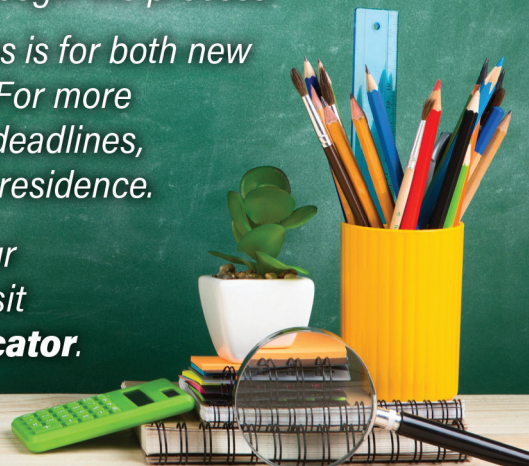
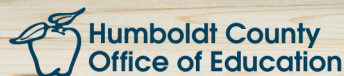
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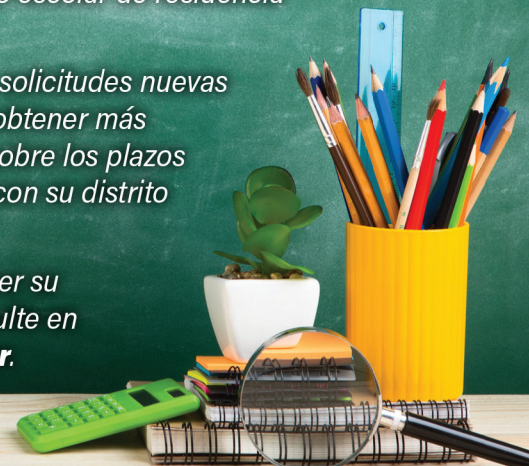
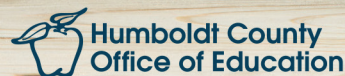
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ation is unsafe. Firearms users, she said, should receive training, just as drivers of motor vehicles receive training before they can get their licenses, and safety should be part of that. While hiking in the Horse Mountain area, she said she has

that bullets cannot penetrate — when target shooting.

“One of the five golden rules of firearms safety is knowing your backstop,” he said. “The others are: Make sure your gun’s unloaded; always keep your guns pointed in a safe direction; keep your finger off the trigger until you’re ready to shoot; know your target and what’s beyond; never use drugs or alcohol before or after shooting; treat all guns as if they are loaded.”

But, he stressed, knowing what’s behind what you’re aiming at — whether a target or animal — is an absolute.

Although he has not been to Horse Mountain, he said he has many friends who go regularly to two informal ranges there on or near the mountaintop.

“I would say it’s almost one of the closest free places to go, so you don’t have to pay \$20 every single time,” he said. “It’s well known throughout the county that this is a great place to go.”

He suggested good signage may go a long way toward helping to alleviate the conflict on Horse Mountain, making shooters aware that hikers are present and they’re in a designated Botanical Area, while also alerting hikers that recreational shooting takes place there.

“Even though there’s gun ranges up there, the solution is being aware,” he said. “That’s the solution to everything in life: Know what you’re getting into.”

But, he emphasized, shooters have rights on public lands, saying that was something “mind-blowing” to him before he took up hunting.

“They’re allowed to go and shoot anywhere they want — it’s the forest,” he said. “If I was out in the woods and wanted to re-sight my gun, I could go anywhere, find a couple of downed logs as a backstop, post a piece of paper, such as toilet paper, step back 100 yards, and go shoot it. ... You’re allowed to do it.”

Janis Taylor, a local resident who grew up in a family where firearms were a part of everyday life, agreed the current situ-

heard gunshots that, even though they were not close, made her nervous.

“A long rifle can shoot a half-mile,” she said, adding that unless the shooter is aimed at a solid backstop, whether natural or manmade, they have no way of knowing where their bullet will end up.

Ralph said several meetings have been held with forest service staff over the past few months but they seemed to go nowhere. Some management staff expressed concern about arousing public conflict, she said, while others mentioned the scarcity of law enforcement personnel in the huge Six Rivers National Forest. Another issue brought up was the possible need for a National Environmental Protection Act review if any existing uses within the area were to be forbidden.

According to NEPA, however, minor changes that do not have a direct effect on the physical environment are more appropriately dealt with by a simple categorical exemption rather than the more extensive Environmental Impact Statement. And although interested parties must be notified, this can be done by a simple legal ad in a local newspaper. Ralph said staff were also concerned with the Dingell Act’s provisions preserving the rights of firearm users on public lands.

At one of the meetings, Ralph said a forest service employee pointed out there are already laws regulating safe shooting that can be enforced by the agency’s division of Law Enforcement and Investigations.

“Law enforcement could, if they had manpower to go up there and spend time, be giving lots of citations,” Ralph conceded. “Of course, they don’t have that manpower.” ●

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Jersey Boys

The Foggy Bottoms Boys dip into ice cream

By Jennifer Fumiko Cahill

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Yellow neon letters curl in the window above bright café chairs outside Jersey Scoops in Loleta (348 Main St.). Inside, there are more rainbow-colored chairs and barstools, shelves and refrigerators packed with local jams and snacks, and a refrigerator case stuffed with beef and eggs from Ferndale's Foggy Bottoms Boys Farm. On a barnwood wall (made from an actual barn) are galvanized buckets stuffed with wool blankets and skeins of yarn from the farm's sheep. It's almost enough to distract one from the main attraction: a freezer case of freshly made ice cream.

Husbands Thomas and Cody Nicholson Stratton of Foggy Bottoms Boys started planning Jersey Scoops in 2020, naming it after the cows at Nicholson Livestock Dairy, the nearly 99-year-old dairy run by Cody's family. It stands as one of only a handful of open storefronts across from the old train tracks along Loleta's brief Main Street.

Both men grew up making ice cream at home with their families, says Thomas, in his case, with a table-top ice cream maker. "The one we had when I was really young, you had to hand do it for hours and hours," he says. And Cody's dairy farming family, he points out, came from a long line of proud Danish home ice cream makers.

Smaller, more accessible equipment has made it easier for a dairy to produce and sell its own ice cream, rather than only selling its milk to manufacturers. Thomas says there were still "a lot of hoops to go through," like acquiring two additional permits and three more licenses. But with help from the Redwood Region Economic Development Commission and a grant from the Pacific Coast Dairy Coalition, the Nicholson Strattons were able to navigate the process and purchase equipment. Big ticket items included a pasteurizer, an ice cream batch freezer and a soft serve machine, which can run from a couple thousand dollars for a basic model to closer to \$25,000 for a user-friendly design that's built to last, says Thomas.

The soft serve vanilla and chocolate (and twist, of course) are made with less fat and more stabilizers than the ice cream the Nicholson Strattons made as kids, keeping it soft enough to form a curl at the top without melting too quickly (\$4 small). It's translucent and milky with a light, nostalgic flavor. Both vanilla and chocolate are piped into Oreo sandwich cookies sold in six-packs — give them a few minutes out of the freezer to soften again before digging in (\$7).

There's more milkfat, though still less than 10 percent, according to Thomas, and fewer stabilizers in the scoopable batches at the counter (\$4 single). Some flavors, like the cookies and cream or the vanilla, use eggs as an emulsifier like a classic frozen custard, but others, like the chocolate, are straight milkfat. That 10 percent goes a long way, especially at the right temperature, just south of melting. The chocolate has an old-fashioned, fudgy flavor, the richness of which spreads almost instantly over your tongue. The spoon pulls peaks from the scoop, rather than breaking through it, as with a colder, harder packed ice cream.

On a recent visit, holiday flavors like pumpkin pie and the candy crunchy Cinnamon-mint were keeping the season going, along with a Nutty-ella, PB&J and a simple strawberry. Sampling is encouraged.

Some of the flavor may be down to how fresh the ice cream is. "We're not homogenizing our milk," says Thomas. Since they make the ice cream within 24 hours of milking the cows, with the milk still in its original incorporated state, they don't have to redistribute the fat that would have risen to the top. "We pull it at 4 a.m., chill it and bring it to the shop at, like, 7 a.m." By around noon, it's ice cream. "When you overprocess things, you have to rebalance and readjust," he says. "For us, we're just doing it the right way the first time."

Thomas says it's been fun to see people stop in for a treat after going to the post office or Loleta Market next door, eat their cones on the grass across the street or hold birthday parties in the shop. As



A small chocolate scoop and a soft serve twist at Jersey Scoops.

Photos by Jennifer Fumiko Cahill

remote as Loleta is, he says there's plenty of traffic. "The LGBTQ+ and ally community has shown up in force" from around the county, state and beyond, he adds. Jersey Scoops has also gotten community support in the form of its 85-member Tasting Team, whose members pay a small fee to sample prospective flavors, give feedback and offer suggestions. There are limits, though. Thomas says a recent request for mac and cheese ice cream similar to that of another producer was declined. "It is absolutely delicious but no."

Making pints available in stores around the county is in the works, but they're still nailing down the shop's rotating flavors. Cody's favorite Danish butter cookie ice cream that sold well over the holidays is coming back, and in the kitchen there's a test batch made with local Hum Yum caramel, which, like the Dick Taylor Craft Chocolate at the counter, uses milk from the family dairy. Thomas' personal favorite mint chocolate chip is in testing, too, as they search for the semi-cylindrical chips of his childhood memories, as well as the correct balance of mint.

Thomas is willing to wait. "We don't have it out yet because we don't want to do it until it's perfect." ●

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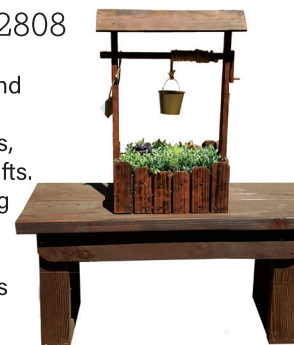
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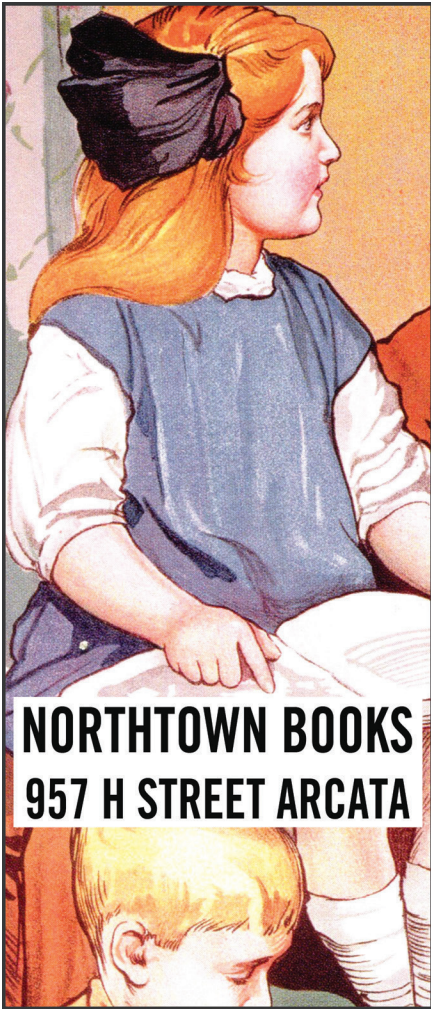
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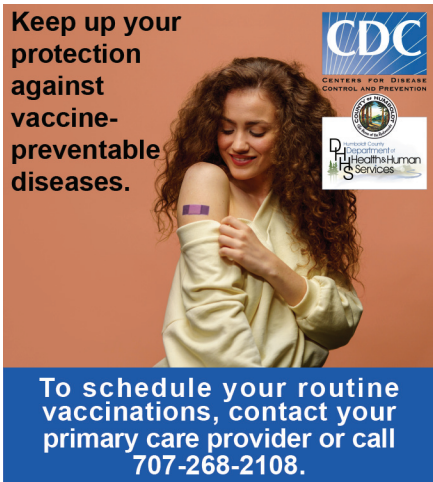
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ARCATA THEATRE LOUNGE 1036 G St. (707) 616-3030		Fuego (DJs Pressure, D'Vinity, Statik) 9 p.m. \$15, \$10 advance		Peter Antoniou ('psychic' comedian) 6 p.m. \$25, \$20 advance	[W] Sci-Fi Night: <i>Stargate</i> (1994) (film) 6-9 p.m. \$5, \$9 admission and poster, Pre-show 6 p.m. Raffle 7:05 p.m. Main feature at 7:10 p.m.
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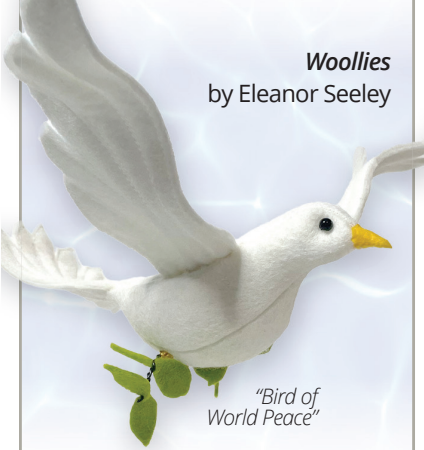


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Spark Birds

By Sarah Hobart

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Those of us who are besotted with birds can often trace our interest back to one particular bird, our “spark bird.” Seeing that bird ignited a fascination with the species that’s impacted our lives in myriad ways, from where we live to what we do for a living and how we spend our free time (birding, naturally).

While spark birds vary from person to person, they often have a few qualities in common: they’re unexpected, beautiful to look at and create a vivid memory that never dims. Mine is the pileated woodpecker, a strikingly patterned Woody Woodpecker that’s a pretty popular choice as spark birds go. Even though it was years ago, I remember the moment perfectly. I was a teenager driving a U.S. Forest Service truck when a pileated flew across the road in front of me and I was gobsmacked. There’s more to the story, possibly involving a ditch and a tow truck, but I don’t recall that part as clearly.

Sometimes a spark bird is a rarity but it doesn’t have to be. When a common green-shank showed up in Humboldt County in 2001 — the first record of this exceedingly rare Asian shorebird in the lower 48 states — I dragged the whole family, newborn son and all, out to the Mad River to see it. And it was interesting enough. But it lacked that certain *je ne sais quoi* a spark bird needs, like color. And to not be a shorebird.

But the purple gallinule at the Arcata Marsh? It’s the epitome of spark-birdness. The gallinule is a star, a rainbow-colored holiday confection of a bird that’s thrilled hundreds of people, many of whom traveled a significant distance to see it. Heck, I’m adding it to my spark bird list right now. Who says we can’t have more than one?

It was the day after Thanksgiving when the word went out about this astounding bird, and like a lot of other people I dropped what I was doing and went straight to the spot. As it happened, I was at a post-holiday leftover pie party, but everyone understood — even though I was, um, the host. This was a full-on five-alarm birding emergency.

But ever since the gallinule splashed down, I’ve been a bit worried about it. It’s a stranger in a strange land, accustomed to bikini weather and the companionship of its colorful peers, not hailstorms, brittle frost-coated reeds and nothing but drab American coots and a hungry red-shouldered hawk to keep it company. I confess that when the temperatures drop into the 30s, I’m tempted to start knitting a tiny

sweater. But for more than a month now, the bird has proved remarkably resilient, still present as of this writing.

The joy I feel when I see the purple wonderbird, which hasn’t diminished over several sightings, is tempered by the sense that its presence is a sign of something seriously awry. It’s a bird that simply shouldn’t be here. And it’s not alone. The Dec.

16 Arcata Christmas bird count noted 20 vagrant birds, including some eye-popping Mexican flycatchers like a vermillion and a dusky-capped one. They’re a long way from home, too. And it’s not just happening in Humboldt; vagrant birds appear to be on the increase all over the world. Last August the winds of Hurricane Idalia blew 150 American flamingos northward across 14 states, all the way to Wisconsin. Birders were delighted and, for a brief time, flamingos were more popular than cheese.

But the truths behind these unusual sightings are far less delightful. There’s a lot of research on the causes of vagrancy, thought in part to be due to a bird’s faulty internal navigation system. But I suspect when the data is sifted, human activity will be the primary cause, as it so often is. Climate change, with its severe weather patterns, wildfires and scorching temperatures, is an undeniable factor. Numerous bird species may be venturing out of their expected territories because life is unsustainable on their old turf.

Birds have long been indicators of how we’re performing as stewards of this beautiful planet and our marks are not good. The National Audubon Society reports that the number of birds in the U.S. has declined by 3 billion over the last 50 years, and that a devastating two-thirds of our North American bird species face extinction in the near future.

On some level, I always knew birds were in trouble, even as a young birder growing up in New Hampshire. I knew when the hundreds of warblers that used to make a migration stop in the spruce trees behind our house, covering the branches like brilliant living Christmas ornaments, began to thin out and disappear. I knew when the marsh down the road where I’d done my early birding and seen so many “firsts” —



Our visiting purple gallinule.

Photo by Jeff Todoroff

first green heron, first hooded merganser, first wood duck — was deemed by the city to be the perfect site for a new airport runway. The next time I visited it, I cried when I found the wood duck nesting boxes I’d built bulldozed into the ground along with the trees.

But some things have changed for the better since then. Wetlands are recognized for their value and importance in sustaining a wide diversity of life forms, and they have some legal protections. Here in Humboldt, the Arcata Marsh is an example of something gone right. We’re incredibly fortunate that years ago, when the city knocked around a few ideas regarding what to do with the former mill site perched on Humboldt Bay, a handful of visionaries decided to create a multi-use sanctuary that provides an important migratory rest stop for thousands of birds.

So when an exotic visitor like a purple gallinule lands in our midst, it’s more than a checkmark on our life list. It’s a wake-up call. Our planet is changing. And birds are telling us we need to change, too. All of us can be visionaries. And the tremendous surge in the popularity of birdwatching as a hobby has created a diverse, energized group of citizen scientists that’s a force to be reckoned with.

Let’s designate the purple gallinule as our official Humboldt spark bird. And let’s make 2024 the year we use that spark to do good. It doesn’t take a grand gesture. We could start by googling “How to help birds” for some simple and practical suggestions. Even small steps will lead us in the right direction.

Welcome to 2024. May it be the very best year for you, for our planet and for birds. ●

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On the Tundra

By Collin Yeo

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As I have mentioned since the arrival of winter, this season has a lot of dead nights on the calendar of live entertainment. However, even a leafless tree or dead snag can hide a honeycomb in its trunk. This week is one such honeycomb. We have it all going on: big name entertainers spanning across disciplines from hip hop to jazz to professional magic (as opposed to the *ad hoc* chaos stuff) to the trick-shot splendor of one of our oldest b-ball institutions. There are dance parties and mosh pits, and a sonic temple of glory to keep us warm as the snow level drops and the air gets wetter. It's easy to be spoiled by abundance in the warm days of growth and sunshine. But I will always have more love for the cold night banquets that flicker on the dark landscape like will-o'-wisps and blue flames. Those are the beacons that will lead you to treasure. Enjoy.

Thursday

The Siren's Song Tavern is hosting an extreme metal show tonight at 8 p.m. San Francisco's death grind gore band **Cartilage** with local smashers **Sarcophilus Satanicus**, **Bloodspire** and **Heathenistic**. At least that's what I have gleaned from the cave bear-etched claw scribble of the band's logos on the flyer. Door cover is a sliding scale \$5-\$10, go get some.

Friday

It's all energy Latin dance vibes at the Arcata Theatre Lounge this evening starting at 9 p.m., with the return of the popular DJ-curated **Fuego**. The tune-spinners on deck tonight are DJs **Pressure**, **Statik** and **D'Vinity**, so expect lots of reggaeton and beyond. As per usual, there will be pole and go go dancers providing a visual guide to the grooves. \$15 at the door, subtract \$5 if you buy in advance.

Saturday

Park Slope, Brooklyn's own **Talib Kweli** is headlining the stage at the Sapphire Palace in the Blue Lake Casino on top of

an evening of hip hop excellence. After first gaining fame in the '90s as a member of the influential duo Black Star with Yasiin Bey (formerly Mos Def), Kweli has kept up appearances with a career of fairly stellar records and steady touring. His gig is advertised with a 9 p.m. start, but I am told there will be a pre-gig warm up in the Wave Lounge with local heavies, including **Flo J Simpson** and my brother **ruffIAN**. There is also talk of a hip hop cypher afterwards, so who knows what the evening holds in store (\$25).

Sunday

Magician and comedian **Peter Antoniou** is probably known to most Americans as a semi-finalist in the 16th season of *America's Got Talent*, the hyperactive and massively popular *Gong Show* upgrade from the '00s that was created by professional asshole and cosmetic enhancement "do not do" Simon Cowell. Despite the show's pros and cons (Howie Mandel is a treasure), there was definitely much truth in advertising in its title, and Mr. Antoniou is a prime example, although he hails from across the pond. His psychic comedy bits are delightful, and the hirsute Englishman is an impressive performer and genuinely charming. Hey, his bits were good enough for me to stomach TV clips on YouTube, which is a magic trick in itself. He's posted up at the Arcata Theatre Lounge tonight for an early 6 p.m. gig, and at \$25 (\$20 advance), the price is just right.

Monday

Band of Brothers is a jazz quartet composed of two sets of very incredible musical siblings. Tony Levin is likely the most familiar of the crew, because beyond his bass and chapman stick work with everyone from King Crimson to Peter Dinklage, he is often found in this very venue with one of his impressive side groups. His brother Pete is no slouch though, with a recording and performance CV full of the greatest of the jazz greats from the last 50 years. Pat and Joe La Barbera are full time

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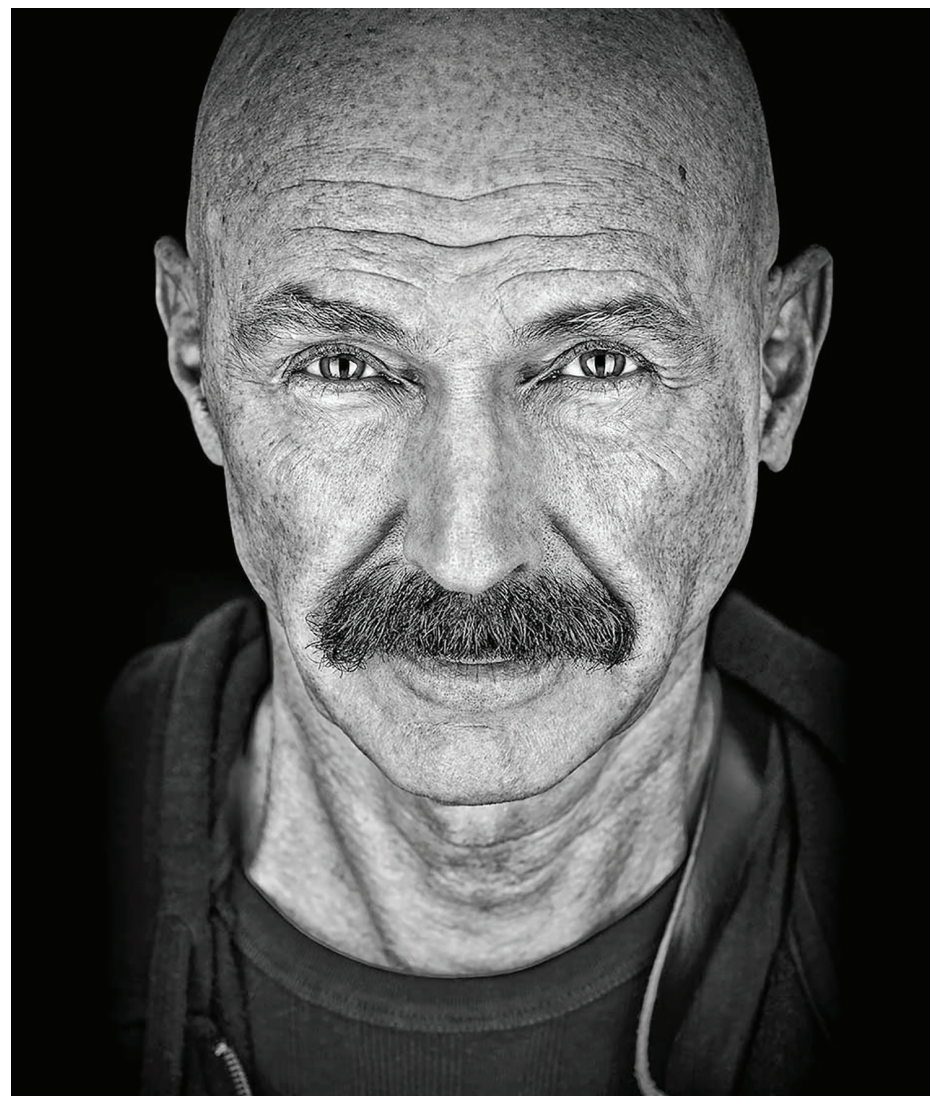
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Tony Levin of Band of Brothers, which plays the Arcata Playhouse at 7 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 15.
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jazz journeymen, with the former blowing sax early in his career as a soloist for various iterations of the Buddy Rich Band, and the later cutting his teeth as a drummer for Bill Evans' last trio, before going on to play with the likes of Tony Bennett, Rod Stewart and one of my all-time faves, the late Belgian harmonica virtuoso Toots Thielemans. This quartet has between them a few lifetimes of playing complex, beautiful music at its highest forms of human expression, which is not bad for a mid-winter Monday in the upper 707. Catch them at the Arcata Playhouse at 7 p.m. (\$28).

Tuesday

One of the best outdoor backyard shows I caught in the last few years was an ecstatic drone set by the raga-metal group **Biomass**, headed by Open Head Records honcho Luke Aronie. Sadly, the group migrated to Los Angeles some time ago, but they're back for a night of the good, soul-scouring loud and pretty stuff at the Miniplex tonight at 8 p.m. (\$5-\$10 sliding

scale). Along for support are two soloists, **Lev Merka** and local returning hero Dan K, aka **IDYLL**. I will likely be engineering the sound for this one, if that gives you any indication of my personal endorsement.

Wednesday

Speaking of the Miniplex, new weekly free queer dance event Big Mood will be rolling out tonight at 8 p.m., with sonic bounce provided by the venerable **DJ Pandemonium Jones**.

If you are looking for an older institution, the **Harlem Globetrotters** are in town at the same hour for a showcase face off against their eternal rivals, the **Washington Generals**. Do the fellas from uptown still play Brother Bones' version of "Sweet Georgia Brown," their theme song since '52? Head up to Lumberjack Arena to find out. Tickets range from \$36 to bench seats prices at \$252. ●

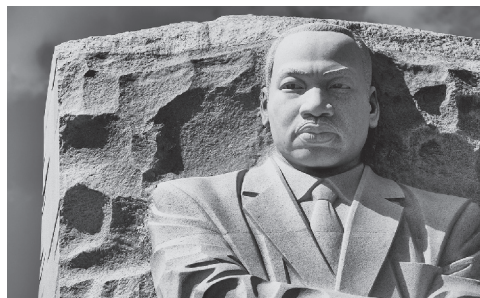
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Calendar Jan. 11 – 18, 2024



Trio Duende. Courtesy Eureka Chamber Music Series

The Eureka Chamber Music Series kicks off its 2024 season with two concerts featuring **Trio Duende**, a piano trio including violinist and Eureka Chamber Music Series artistic director Tom Stone, Avery Fisher Career award-winning cellist Sophie Shao, and Naumberg award-winning pianist Awadagin Pratt. The first installment is the **Trio Duende Mainstage Concert**, taking place **Saturday, Jan. 13, from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.** at **Calvary Lutheran Church** (\$40 general and \$10 for students), where the trio will perform works by Brahms and Beethoven. The second concert is a chance to hear the trio perform a set of classic and contemporary musical offerings with insights from the artists sprinkled throughout. Catch **Trio Duende Concert and Conversation, Sunday, Jan. 14, from 3 to 4 p.m.** at **Lutheran Church of Arcata** (\$20, \$5 students).



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The Eureka NAACP presents "It Starts with Me: How We Must Create, Cultivate and Maintain a Beloved Community," its **Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Celebration** on **Monday, Jan. 15, starting at 11 a.m.** at the **Adorni Recreation Center** (free). The keynote speaker will be Eureka NAACP President Kintay Johnson, who will be joined by Noel Braggs and Leslie Price. The event will have live music, tabling by Black-owned businesses and community partner organizations, and food available for purchase from Taste of Bim and Mother's Cooking Experience. Earlier in the day, community members are invited to join Cal Poly Humboldt students, staff and faculty for the annual **MLK Day of Service from 8 a.m. to noon** at **Cal Poly Humboldt** (free). Transportation to the service areas, T-shirts and breakfast snacks will be provided. For information on CPH's Day of Service, call (707) 826-4965.



Submitted

Join Friends of the Arcata Marsh to observe the highest tides of the year at the **King Tide Tour**, happening **Thursday, Jan. 11, at 11 a.m.** at the **Arcata Marsh and Wildlife Sanctuary** (free). Tour leaders Elliott Dabill and Barbara Reisman discuss what makes the tides so much higher than normal, the increases expected as sea level rises and what will happen to Humboldt Bay over the next several decades. Meet on South I Street, in the first parking lot in from Samoa Boulevard. The tour happens rain or shine.

11 Thursday

ART

Figure Drawing at Synopsis. 7-9 p.m. Synopsis Collective, 1675 Union St., Eureka. With a live model. Bring your own art supplies. Call to contact Clint. \$5. synopsisperformance.com. (707) 362-9392.

OUTDOORS

King Tide Tour. 11 a.m. Arcata Marsh and Wildlife Sanctuary, South I Street. Meet leaders Elliott Dabill and Barbara Reisman on South I Street, in the first parking lot in from Samoa Boulevard, across from the "green wall." Learn what makes the tides so much higher, about increases expected with sea level rise and more. Rain or shine. Free. (707) 826-2359.

Nature Quest. 2-5 p.m. Eureka Municipal Auditorium, 1120 F St. Wilderness immersion program for teens and adults. Explore trails and share mindfulness practices, group conversation and other eco-therapeutic activities. Adults meet Thursdays, teens meet one Saturday a month. Transportation provided for Eureka residents. Please pre-register. Free. swood2@eureka.gov. eureka-heroes.org. (707) 382-5338.

12 Friday

ART

Arts! Arcata. Second Friday of every month, 4-8 p.m. Arcata Plaza, Ninth and G streets. Businesses all across Arcata stay open late with music, art on display, live art and more. gloria@arcatachamber.com. arcatachamber.com. (707) 897-6004.

BOOKS

Weekly Preschool Story Time. Eureka Library, 1313

Third St. Talk, sing, read, write and play together in the children's room. For children 2 to 6 years old with their caregivers. Other family members are welcome to join in the fun. Free. manthony@co.humboldt.ca.us. humlib.org. (707) 269-1910.

DANCE

Free School of Future Communion. 8-9:15 p.m. Synopsis Union, 1675 Union St., Eureka. Experimental dance with Leslie Castellano and original music by Jonathan Kipp. \$15 suggested, no one turned away for lack of funds. synopsis@eureka@gmail.com. www.facebook.com/events/728557155908812.

MOVIES

Even Hell Has Its Heroes (2023). 7 p.m. Richards' Goat Tavern & Tea Room Miniplex, 401 I St., Arcata. Documentary on drone metal pioneers EARTH, the "slowest metal band on Earth." \$8. info@miniplexevents.com. miniplex.ticketleap.com/even-hell/. (707) 630-5000.

MUSIC

GOH: Lovetap Tour. 8 p.m. Arcata Playhouse, 1251 Ninth St. Goh Kurosawa's sets range from Bob Marley to Japanese folk songs to Leonard Cohen, as well as originals. \$15, \$12 students and fanclub members. info@arcataplayhouse.org. playhousearts.org/events/goh-lovetap-tour-2024/. (707) 822-1575.

Los Lobos. 8-11 p.m. Sapphire Palace, Blue Lake Casino, 777 Casino Way. The five-time Grammy-winning band in its 50th year, with 17 studio albums and seven live LPs. bluelakecasino.com/event/los-lobos/.

FOR KIDS

Kid's Night at the Museum. 5:30-8 p.m. Redwood Discovery Museum, 612 G St., Eureka. Drop off your 3.5-12 year old for interactive exhibits, science experiments, crafts and games, exploring the planetarium, playing in the water table or jumping into the soft blocks. \$17-\$20.

info@discovery-museum.org. discovery-museum.org/classesprograms.html. (707) 443-9694.

Weekly Preschool Storytime. Eureka Library, 1313 Third St. Talk, sing, read, write and play together in the children's room. For children 2 to 6 years old with their caregivers and other family members. Free. manthony@co.humboldt.ca.us. humboldt.gov/Calendar.aspx?EID=8274. (707) 269-1910.

GARDEN

Sea Goat Farm Garden Volunteer Opportunities. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Abbey of the Redwoods, 1450 Hiller Road, McKinleyville. Help with animal care, weeding, watering, planting and occasional harvest help on Saturday mornings. Volunteers get free produce. flowerstone333@gmail.com. (530) 205-5882.

MEETINGS

Language Exchange Meetup. Second Friday of every month, 5-7 p.m. Familia Coffee, 1350 Ninth St., Arcata. Speak your native language. Teach someone a language. Learn a language. familiacoffees.com/. (925) 214-8099.

13 Saturday

ART

Second Saturday Family Arts Day. 2-4 p.m. Morris Graves Museum of Art, 636 F St., Eureka. Create mixed media collage portraits inspired by Leonard Goldstein's Self Portrait on display in the museum's Knight Gallery with assistance and guidance from art educator, Genevieve Kjesbu. All materials supplied. Free. humboldtarts.org.

DANCE

Free School of Future Communion. 8-9:15 p.m. Synopsis Union, 1675 Union St., Eureka. See Jan. 12 listing.

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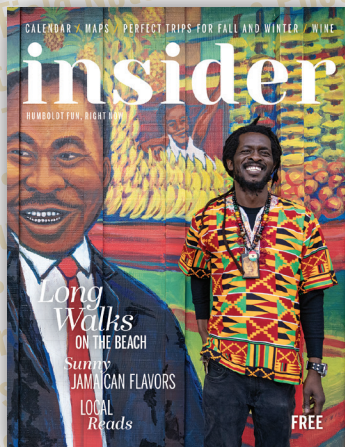
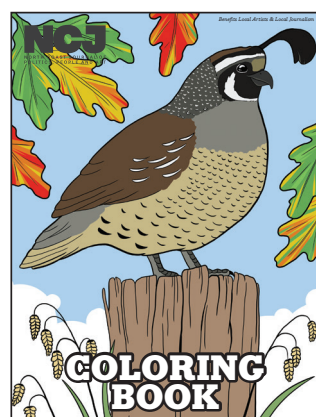
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MOVIES

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MUSIC

Talib Kweli. 9 p.m. Sapphire Palace, Blue Lake Casino, 777 Casino Way. The nearly 20-year hip hop veteran, half of Black Star, and collaborator with Kanye West, Pharrell Williams, Just Blaze, J Dilla, and Madlib. \$25. bluelakecasino.com/event/talib-kweli/.

Trio Duende Mainstage Concert. 7:30-9:30 p.m. Calvary Lutheran Church, 716 South Ave., Eureka. Piano trio including violinist and Eureka Chamber Music Series artistic director Tom Stone, Avery Fisher Career award-winning cellist Sophie Shao, and Naumberg award-winning pianist Awadagin Pratt. Performing works by Brahms and Beethoven, including the Beethoven "Ghost" trio. \$40, \$10 students. admin@eurekachambermusic.org. eurekachambermusic.org/. (707) 273-6975.

FOOD

Farm Stand. 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Table Bluff Farm, 101 Clough Road, Loleta. Regeneratively-grown seasonal veggies, flowers, meats and other items made by Humboldt County locals and small businesses. Cash, card, Venmo, Apple Pay and soon to accept EBT payments. info@tableblufffarm.com. TableBluffFarm.com. (707) 890-6699.

Sea Goat Farmstand. 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Abbey of the Redwoods, 1450 Hiller Road, McKinleyville. Fresh veggies grown on site, local eggs and sourdough bread. Work from local artists and artisans. flowerstone333@gmail.com. (530) 205-5882.

GARDEN

Rose Pruning Demonstration. 10 a.m. Miller Farms Nursery, 1828 Central Ave., McKinleyville. The Humboldt Rose Society's master growers explain and show how to correctly prune roses. Phone RSVP appreciated. Free. (707) 839-1571 Ext. 5.

Sea Goat Farm Garden Volunteer Opportunities. 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Abbey of the Redwoods, 1450 Hiller Road, McKinleyville. See Jan. 12 listing.

MEETINGS

Woodturners Meeting. Second Saturday of every month, 1-3 p.m. Almquist Lumber Company, 5301 Boyd Road, Arcata. Beginning and experienced turners exchange ideas, instruction and techniques. Themed project demo, show-and-tell opportunities and Q&A. This month's topic is sharpening. Free. redcoastturners@gmail.com. (707) 633-8147.

OUTDOORS

Arcata Marsh and Wildlife Sanctuary Bird Walk. 8:30-11 a.m. Arcata Marsh and Wildlife Sanctuary, South I Street. Bring your binoculars and meet trip leader Larry Karsteadt at the end of South I Street (Klopp Lake) for easy-to-walk trails, a beautiful view of Humboldt Bay and a diverse range of winter birds. Free.

Dune Restoration Volunteer Day. Second Saturday of every month, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Humboldt Coastal Nature Center, 220 Stamps Lane, Manila. Restore the biodiversity of the coastal dunes with the team. Snacks and tools provided. Meet at the center a few minutes before 10 a.m. Free. info@friendsofthedunes.org. friendsofthedunes.org. (707) 444-1397.

FOAM Marsh Tour. 2 p.m. Arcata Marsh and Wildlife Sanctuary Interpretive Center, 569 S. G St. Meet leader Elliott Dabill at 2 p.m. in the lobby of the Interpretive Center on South G Street for a 90-minute, rain-or-shine walk on the ecology of the marsh. Free. (707) 826-2359.

Habitat Improvement Team Volunteer Workday.

Second Saturday of every month, 9 a.m.-noon. Humboldt Bay National Wildlife Refuge, 1020 Ranch Road, Loleta. Help restore habitat by removing invasive, non-native plants and maintaining native plant areas. Wear long pants, long sleeves and closed-toe shoes. Bring drinking water. Tools, gloves and snack provided. denise_seeger@fws.gov. fws.gov/refuge/humboldt-bay. (707) 733-5406.

ETC

Thursday-Friday-Saturday Canteen. 3-9 p.m. Redwood Empire VFW Post 1872, 1018 H St., Eureka. Enjoy a cold beverage in the canteen with comrades. Play pool or darts. If you're a veteran, this place is for you. Free. PearceHansen999@outlook.com. (707) 443-5331.

14 Sunday

MUSIC

Trio Duende Concert and Conversation. 3-4 p.m. Lutheran Church of Arcata, 151 E. 16th St. Classic and contemporary music interspersed with artists' insights from the piano trio including violinist and Eureka Chamber Music Series artistic director Tom Stone, Avery Fisher Career award-winning cellist Sophie Shao, and Naumberg award-winning pianist Awadagin Pratt. \$20, \$5 students. admin@eurekachambermusic.org. eurekachambermusic.org/. (707) 273-6975.

FOOD

Food Not Bombs. 4 p.m. Arcata Plaza, Ninth and G streets. Free, hot food for everyone. Mostly vegan and organic and always delicious. Free.

OUTDOORS

Humboldt Bay NWR Guided Field Trip. Second Sunday of every month, 9-11 a.m. Humboldt Bay National Wildlife Refuge, 1020 Ranch Road, Loleta. Meet leader Ralph Bucher at the visitor center for this 2-mile walk along a wide, flat trail that is packed gravel and easily accessible. Email to sign up. Free. thebook@reninet.com. rras.org.

15 Monday

MUSIC

Tony Levin and Band of Brothers. 7 p.m. Arcata Playhouse, 1251 Ninth St. Brothers Levin (Tony and Pete) and La Barbera (Pat & Joe) join forces with their jazz quartet Band Of Brothers to perform original tunes and standards. \$28. info@arcataplayhouse.org. playhousearts.org/events/band-of-brothers-with-tony-levin/. (707) 822-1575.

EVENTS

Eureka NAACP Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Celebration. 11 a.m. Adorni Recreation Center, 1011 Waterfront Drive, Eureka. Featuring speakers, live music, tabling, food. This year's theme is "It Starts with Me: How We Must Create, Cultivate and Maintain A Beloved Community." Free. ci.eureka.ca.gov/depts/recreation/adorni_center.asp.

MLK Day of Service. 8 a.m.-noon. Cal Poly Humboldt, 1 Harpst St., Arcata. Join Cal Poly Humboldt students, staff and faculty for a morning of community service in honor of Martin Luther King Jr. Day. Transportation, T-shirts and breakfast snacks provided. yes@humboldt.edu. yes.humboldt.edu/mlk. (707) 826-4965.

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Homesharing Info Session. 9:30-10 a.m. and 1-1:30 p.m. This informational Zoom session will go over the steps and safeguards of Area 1 Agency on Aging's matching process and the different types of homeshare partnerships. Email for the link. Free. homeshare@alaa.org. alaa.org/homesharing. (707) 442-3763.

16 Tuesday

SPOKEN WORD

Word Humboldt Spoken Word Open Mic. 6-9 p.m. Northtown Coffee, 1603 G St., Arcata. Sign up list goes up at 6 p.m., and the open mic kicks off at 6:30 p.m. Two rounds of open mic poetry and a featured poet. Everyone is welcome, especially new performers. LGBTQ+ friendly. Free. [instagram.com/wordhum](https://www.instagram.com/wordhum).

FOOD

Taco Tuesday Potluck. Third Tuesday of every month, 6-8 p.m. The Sanctuary, 1301 J St., Arcata. Prep and tortilla making at 6 p.m., community meal at 6:30 p.m. Bring a dish to share or a donation. Everyone helps clean. \$5-\$20. together@sanctuaryarcata.org. sanctuaryarcata.org.

MEETINGS

Humboldt Cribbage Club Tournament. 6:15-9 p.m. Moose Lodge, 4328 Campton Road, Eureka. Weekly six-game cribbage tournament for experienced players. Inexperienced players may watch, learn and play on the side. Moose dinner available at 5:30 p.m. \$3-\$8. 31for14@gmail.com. (707) 599-4605.

ETC

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17 Wednesday

ART

Figure Drawing. 6-8:30 p.m. Blondies Food And Drink, 420 E. California Ave., Arcata. Practice your artistic skills. \$5. blondiesfoodanddrink.com.

LECTURE

Conservation Lecture Series - Marbled Murrelets. 7 p.m. Sequoia Park Zoo, 3414 W St., Eureka. Keith Bensen discusses the nesting behaviors of the elusive and threatened birds in his talk, "25 Years of Conservation and Research on the Marbled Murrelets of Redwood National and State Parks." In-person at the Zoo and online through Zoom and Facebook live. Free. sequoiaparkzoo.net.

MOVIES

Sci-Fi Night: Stargate (1994). 6-9 p.m. Arcata Theatre Lounge, 1036 G St. Pre-show 6 p.m. Raffle at 7:05 p.m. Main feature at 7:10 p.m. Rated PG13. All ages. An interstellar teleportation device leads to a planet with humans resembling ancient Egyptians who worship the god Ra. \$5, \$9 admission and poster. info@arcatatheatre.com. [facebook.com/events/392198219923597](https://www.facebook.com/events/392198219923597). (707) 613-3030.

MUSIC

Chingiz Kam and Arrington De Dionysio. 7-9:45 p.m. Synopsis Union, 1675 Union St., Eureka. An evening of sha-

manic music. \$15 suggested. synapsiseureka@gmail.com. [facebook.com/events/1530920517728552](https://www.facebook.com/events/1530920517728552). (707) 616-3104.

GARDEN

Sea Goat Farm Garden Volunteer Opportunities. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Abbey of the Redwoods, 1450 Hiller Road, McKinleyville. See Jan. 12 listing.

MEETINGS

Mother's Support Circle. Third Wednesday of every month, 10 a.m.-noon. The Ink People Center for the Arts, 627 Third St., Eureka. Mother's Village circle for mothers with a meal and childcare. \$15 to attend, \$10 childcare, sliding scale spots available. (707) 633-3143.

18 Thursday

ART

Figure Drawing at Synopsis. 7-9 p.m. Synopsis Collective, 1675 Union St., Eureka. See Jan. 11 listing.

LECTURE

One California Condor's Story. 7-9 p.m. Six Rivers Masonic Lodge, 251 Bayside Road, Arcata. Tamar Danufsky discusses the Cal Poly Humboldt wildlife department's new specimen on display. In-person and on Zoom via Redwood Region Audubon website. Free. rras.org.

MEETINGS

Friends of the Arcata Library Annual Board Meeting. 6 p.m. Arcata Library, 500 Seventh St. The organization will be electing new officers. Board members needed. Meeting will be in person with a Zoom option. Please email for a Zoom link. Free. friendsofthearcatlibrary@gmail.com. friendsofthearcatlibrary.org. 707-840-5308.

OUTDOORS

Nature Quest. 2-5 p.m. Eureka Municipal Auditorium, 1120 F St. See Jan. 11 listing.

Heads Up ...

Volunteers are needed to help the Eureka Emergency Overnight Warming Center. Sign up at us11.list-manage.com/survey?u=ec8e886b7cc3cc023d2beee76&id=c-54604c013&e=ad03f624d3.

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Good Grief's Best Friends

By Jennifer Fumiko Cahill

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GOOD GRIEF. With a brief break in the rain at last, I was in no mood to delve into the weedy waters of grief this week but here we are. Had it not been Dan Levy writing, directing and starring in the Netflix drama/comedy/romance, I would have spared myself all thought beyond what an 80-minute action movie would have asked of me. But I owe much of pandemic survival to Levy's affronted barbs, unraveling calm and surprising vulnerability over six seasons of *Schitt's Creek*, in which he starred with his father Eugene Levy, to whom he owes the most expressive brows in the business. The promise of familiar comfort — Dan Levy making clever assessments of his own mental state while draped in very expensive sweaters — won out. And good thing, too. *Good Grief* is not spectacular in style or groundbreaking in substance, and the emotional turmoil of the wealthy and attractive may not feel like the rightful focus of the moment. But its characters and their relationships come to mean something to the audience watching them figure out themselves and each other. Here, the friendships, not to mention queer friendships, so often sidelined in romantic movies are given room for exploration.

On Christmas Eve, book illustrator Marc (Levy) and his rich, handsome, charming, gregarious and theatrically affectionate husband, Oliver (Luke Evans letting a little gray in), whose blockbuster books Marc illustrates, are throwing a party. Attending amid the packed London home are Marc's besties Sophie (Ruth Negga, Irish accent at 10) and Thomas (Himesh Patel, clearly beloved by wardrobe). When Oliver is killed in a crash en route from the party to a Paris book signing (who does this on Christmas?), it's Sophie and Thomas who help him carry on, such as he does, numbed out and cocooned in his very nice home. As the year anniversary of Oliver's death approaches and the details of his estate come to light, Marc is confronted not only with the realities of his loss, but realities of his marriage. But instead of confiding in his friends, really his only family, he whisks them to Paris to stay in the apartment Oliver kept there. Of course, he's not the only one whose life is a mess and the trio bring



Compartmentalizing thoughts about Florida so I can enjoy the party. *Good Grief*

more in their baggage than their extensive collection of excellent coats. Sophie's hard partying and commitment aversion tag along to the City of Lights, as does the melancholy Thomas has been harboring.

Negga is a scene stealer whose range never ceases to surprise, though it's a pleasure to see her being funny here. There's tremendous affection, humor and chemistry between the three leads, with Patel as Negga and Levy's warm, understated foil. Someone please give Patel a lead role in a sweeping romantic drama — he has not yet begun to yearn. As Marc, Levy leans away from the kind portrayals of mourning we're used to seeing in awards season clips and toward something pushed down and away as he slowly learns composure and containment are not the same as coping. Levy's writing, too, speaks to the daily weight of loss, which Marc describes as a kind of ulcer that never heals, something that keeps you from breathing as you did before. The comedy comes in small moments of awkwardness, and Levy is effortlessly funny tossing out an aside as David Schitt might or pleading with/bullying the staff at a Paris boutique.

Equally small and sweet is the budding romance, if not relationship, with the matter-of-fact Theo (Arnaud Valois) in the second half of the film. Still, the love stories at the movie's heart are between Marc and Oliver, and Marc and his friends. Sophie may as well be talking of herself when she consoles Marc, "He did some shady shit to you but he loved you so hard." Frank, though sometimes first-date vague, conversations about relationships and feelings

are anchored by the language of a particular branch of millennials for whom therapy and self-reflection are givens. That's not a knock; here, the vocabulary serves honesty, not obfuscation or pretense.

It's a generous move to give everyone a story, as *Good Grief* does, and even more so to ultimately wish them all well amid the mess. It's kind enough for one to forgive a little corniness in the wrap-up, or maybe I didn't mind because getting there wasn't easy and we could all use a soft landing. R. 100M. NETFLIX. ●

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NOW PLAYING

ANYONE BUT YOU. Sydney Sweeney and Glen Powell try to make their exes jealous in a destination wedding rom-com. R. 103M. BROADWAY, MILL CREEK.

AQUAMAN AND THE LOST KINGDOM. Jason Momoa dons his trunks for his last dip in the DC franchise. PG13. 124M. BROADWAY, MILL CREEK.

THE BEEKEEPER. Apiary actioner starring Jason Statham as a secret agent bent on revenge. R. 105M. BROADWAY, MILL CREEK, MINOR.

THE BOOK OF CLARENCE. LaKeith Stanfield stars as a man in 33 A.D. Jerusalem who's inspired to make a messiah of himself. PG13. 136M. BROADWAY.

THE BOY AND THE HERON. Hayao Miyazaki animated adventure about a boy who travels beyond the veil to see his mother. PG13. 125M. BROADWAY (DUB), MINOR.

THE BOYS IN THE BOAT. True-story drama about a university crew team headed for the 1936 Berlin Olympics. PG13. 124M. BROADWAY, MILL CREEK.

THE COLOR PURPLE. Film adaptation of the book-based Broadway musical starring Fantasia Barrino and Taraji P. Henson. PG13. 140M. MINOR.

GODZILLA MINUS 1. The kaiju origin story goes back to its roots in postwar Japan for intense horror with emotional weight. In Japanese. PG13. 125M. BROADWAY.

MEAN GIRLS (2024). Tina Fey's iconic comedy about girl-on-girl violence gets an update. PG13. 112M. BROADWAY, MILL CREEK.

MIGRATION. Animated duck adventure voiced by Elizabeth Banks, Awkwafina and Keegan-Michael Key. PG. 92M. BROADWAY, MILL CREEK.

NIGHT SWIM. Pool's haunted, kids! PG13. 98M. BROADWAY, MILL CREEK.

TROLLS BAND TOGETHER. Animated musical sequel with a boy band plot and wow, good luck, accompanying parents and guardians. PG. 91M. BROADWAY.

WONKA. Timothée Chalamet brings his bone structure to the candy man's origin story. With Hugh Grant in Oompa-Loompa mode. PG. 112M. BROADWAY, MILL CREEK, MINOR.

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NCJ WASHED UP

Sea Palm Crime

By Mike Kelly

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A late season washed up sea palm.

Photo by Mike Kelly

My brief crime spree included breaking and entering, grand larceny, vandalism, attempted murder, wire fraud, resisting arrest and, finally, indecent exposure.

However, as a criminal, I have a line I will not cross. This gives me a sense of moral superiority over regular low-life criminals. That line is: I will not harvest sea palm (*Postelsia palmaeformis*) without a permit.

Sea palm is a kelp classified within the brown algae. It clings to rocks in the surf zone. Its strong and very flexible stem (the “stipe”) is topped by many palm-frond-like blades. When a wave hits, the “palms” bend over. And as the wave recedes, they sequentially pop back up to a standing position. It always looks to me like a crowd of 2-foot-tall people with crazy hair and no sense of personal space climbing onto a rock.

This motion isn't just some trivial artifact of life in the surf zone. The movement increases the blades' overall exposure to sunlight, which increases photosynthesis. So, in effect, the sea palm derives energy from the motion of the surf. And because the surf is created by winds that were created by energy from the sun, the sea palm double dips the sun's energy.

To resist the pounding surf, sea palms have a very strong attachment structure — a superficially root-like mass called a “holdfast.” Their most secure attachment place is on bare rock. However, many sea palms end up attached to mussels and barnacles. And because they can attach to these animals more tightly than the animals can attach to the rock, they often tear loose and take the unfortunate mussels and barnacles with them.

A premature tearing loose may seem like a waste of a sea palm. But don't cry for them. They have produced bare rock for the next generation to cling to.

As much as the sea palm benefits from the motion of the surf, it actually spends much of its life exposed to the

atmosphere during low tides. These calm periods are critical for their reproductive phase, which is pretty complicated.

There is no sex for the palm-like generation, which is called the “sporophyte.” The blades produce spores that drip down to land under the aggregation of mature sea palms. The spores are actually able to swim, but they normally attach right below the parent. Each spore then grows into either a male or female, which produce sperm and eggs, respectively, which sounds like a terrible breakfast. So, these microscopic “gametophytes” reproduce sexually and the fertilized eggs grow into new sea palms.

The sea palm is an annual species. This means they complete their reproductive cycle every year and then die when eventually knocked loose by high surf. After the first big swells of the season, you'll see a lot of bedraggled sea palms washing up — often with attached mussels and barnacles. The new offspring then grow to replace the previous generation.

It's illegal to harvest sea palm without a permit because careless harvesters often clip too much of the edible, spore-producing blades. This interferes with reproduction and because the plant is an annual with a very limited dispersal of spores, whole colonies may be quickly wiped out.

Anyway, at my preliminary hearing, the cops apologized for unnecessarily Tasing my bare ass. (But who can blame them? It is a super sweet target.) And when I explained that my crime spree was just research for a story about sea palms, the district attorney dropped the charges.

So, the moral of the story is: If you get busted harvesting sea palm without a permit, do not moon the cops. ●

Biologist Mike Kelly (he/him) is also the author of the book Tigerfish: Traditional and Sport Fishing on the Niger River, Mali, West Africa. It's available at Amazon or everywhere e-books are sold.

CROSSWORD

By Matt Jones

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WELCOME TO '24

ANSWERS NEXT WEEK!

- ACROSS

1. Roast battle hosts, for short

4. Bumble profile maintainers?

8. Flight seat option

13. "___ y Plata" (Montana motto)

14. Actress Mitra of "The Practice"

16. National prefix

17. Lead character of "24"

19. Feeling regret

20. Early Peruvian

21. Nursery rhyme pie fillers ("four and twenty"; they say)

23. Connect with

25. Barely achieve

26. Rowboat implement

27. George Burns title role

29. Impersonated

30. Spot for a soak

33. Big name in circuses
36. Loads

37. Ratio that's often 24 for film cameras

42. Like some salad dressings

43. Stracciattella, e.g.

44. 77" former NBAer Manute

45. "___ the Walrus" (1967 Beatles tune)

48. Uno plus uno

49. Talk trash about

52. Removes names from pictures, on some social media platforms

54. To the letter

56. Units where 24 = 100%

60. Poodle plauger

61. Remain patient

62. The NBA sets it at 24

64. Penny-pincher

65. Vietnamese capital

66. Burns downvote?

67. Planetarium display
68. ___ baby (one who's famous via family connections)

69. Pre-album drops
- DOWN

1. Mint-garnished cocktail

2. They surround brains

3. Goal-oriented item?

4. Royal sphere

5. Obsessive whale hunter of fiction

6. Biffed it

7. Creep around

8. "He's right. Ain't no rule that says a dog can't play basketball" movie

9. Arctic First Nations resident

10. Make Kool-Aid

11. Give for a bit

12. Rowing machine units

15. Took a curved path

18. "WandaVision"
- actress Dennings

22. Pond fish

24. Fairy tale meanie

28. Come-___ (enticements)

30. Was the odd one out

31. "___ de Replay" (Rihanna's first single)

32. Joining word

34. Actress Adams

35. Sister of Chris and Stewie

36. Division for "Hamlet" or "Hamilton"

37. Keyless car key of 1982

38. Duran Duran hit of 1982

39. Former Viacom chairman Sumner

40. ___-pitch softball

41. Reduce

45. Comic book artists

46. ___ standstill

47. Swampland
50. Polar covering

51. They may never have been higher

52. Part that the ointment Bag Balm was designed for

53. Depeche Mode lead singer David

55. Short-lived gridiron org. revived in 2020

56. Legs, in film noir monologues

57. "In memoriam" piece

58. Simpson who got into crosswords around 2008

59. Word before "Hammer time!"

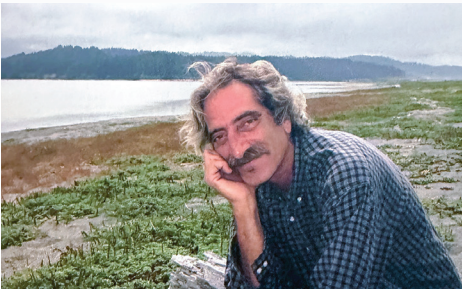
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OBITUARIES

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Richard Christopher Quigley

December 20, 1957-December 23, 2023

Richard Christopher Quigley, known lovingly as Rich passed away in his home on December 23, 2023. He was surrounded by the love of his life and exwife, Sheri Johnson, his two daughters, Jessica and Richelle, and his sister in law and long time friend, Cyndi who introduced him to Sheri.

Rich was born December 20th, 1957 to Marion and Patricia Quigley in Sacramento, California. He was preceded in death by his parents, his brother Brian Quigley, his sister and brother in law, Theresa and Alan Ector and his sister, Suzanne "Suzy" Holmberg.

Most of his life's work was in wood working which he learned alongside his granddad Quigley and continued into his adult life, opening a business in Turlock, CA with his brother Dennis Quigley. When he and Sheri moved to Humboldt County in 1990, he went to work for Dennis Delbiaggio doing construction. Some years later he left and went to work for the City of Eureka in the Parks Department as a Supervisor. He never strayed far from his wood working and was highly skilled in finish work. He went back to work for Delbiaggio Construction (DCI) off and on, until a few years ago when he decided to enter a more formal retirement. During his retirement, he continued to work on projects for friends and family and was introduced to Mike and Gina Werner, where he started many more projects at their home, in San Francisco and at "The Ranch". Rich was always the foreman on the job, not because he liked to be the boss but because he had an incredible eye for detail and was committed to leaving things more beautiful than he found them—this was his philosophy in life. No matter the job; a nature walk, building a home from the ground up, raising kids, going through life. If you left things nicer than you found them, you did a job well done.

Anyone that knew Rich knows that his pride and joy lived within his time with his family, his Assyrian heritage, wood working, time in nature, and listening to oldies. He spent many years with his family in Zephyr Cove and Lake Tahoe. He enjoyed cruising his mustang through The Avenue of the Giants and you could always find him singing with a smile on his face. If you stopped by his house, or met him on a cruise you'd most likely find him barefoot, oldies blaring with a joint ready to smoke. He was a kind and gentle man that was born as the 6th child out of 8, sandwiched between four sisters, had two daughters and four granddaughters. He often was asked if he wished he had a son, or grandson to which he would promptly respond, "why?". He was always proud to be a quiet and sensitive soul surrounded by strong women. He didn't diminish who we were or discourage us, instead he was always the ultimate hype man—we could do anything in his eyes and he taught us as much as he could so we would feel confident moving through life on our own. He leaves a large void in the hearts of those he loves and that love him.

Rich is survived by his daughters, Jessica Clower and Richelle Quigley, his granddaughters, Maddyson and Delylah Aubrey, and Emery and Lennon Clower. He is also survived by his brothers, Dennis Quigley (Eva) and Kevin Quigley, his sisters Mary Grace Quigley and Tricia Rojas, along with numerous nieces and nephews, his ex wife, Sheri Johnson and his sister in law Cyndi Morgan Smurr.

A celebration of Rich's life will be planned at a later date. Until we can meet together to celebrate Rich put on an oldies station, kick off your shoes, go for a drive or just sing in your house. Always remembering to leave things better than you found them and that kindness is free and never wasted. We love you forever, Dad and we will see you in the sunrise.

A special thanks to Bill Hunter who was his primary care physician. Bill saw him through years of good health and through the last year of his life. He met Rich with kindness, curiosity, and compassionate care at every opportunity he had. We would also like to thank Hannah who was Rich's Hospice nurse. Hannah knew and respected his wishes to have minimal involvement outside of his family, she always encouraged us as his caregivers and asked if she could offer help or suggestions for new ways to make him comfortable and never requested he do anything he did not want to do. Rich was grateful for the care he received locally in this beautiful rural healthcare community that often doesn't get the appreciation it deserves. We are grateful to have had such amazing advocates for him in his journey the last year.



Wally Costa

Sept. 4, 1956 - July 26, 2023

A most wonderful man has died. Robert Walter "Wally" Costa was born September 4, 1956 and died July 26, 2023 at the age of 66.

Wally was raised in Eureka, graduated from Eureka High School in 1974, then began his life's career in the timber industry. Employed by several private companies, the work was hard and often dangerous—setting chokers, heavy chains slung over his shoulder, up and down steep terrain. He loved hard work and never complained.

Wally was employed by Louisiana-Pacific and later Schmidbauer Lumber, working at Schmidbauer for 37 years. Well-respected for his tough work ethic, Wally developed great friendships. Many of his co-workers have offered condolences and shared colorful stories about this man they admired—always respectful, kind and friendly, quick-witted and clever. He loved Schmidbauer and retired June 2, 2023. He lived 54 days after retirement.

Early January 2023 Wally began exhibiting subtle physical changes. A proud and quiet man, he kept things to himself. Finally, he mentioned weakness in his hands and legs and was misdiagnosed locally with "tremors," given a prescription and advised to "come back in six months." In six months he was dead. Immediately after the misdiagnosis and without a phone call or appointment, I drove Wally straight to UCSF emergency. Two days later he was diagnosed with ALS—Lou Gehrig's disease.

Ironically, all his life he was a specimen of great health and athleticism. From the age of six he played football, basketball and baseball. In his 30's and 40's he excelled on many local softball teams. It was exhilarating to watch him on the field—powerful, tough, yet so graceful. A natural, many thought he looked like a pro.

Wally was a great storyteller. An intelligent and sensitive man, he sure had a way with words. He could look at an event, an issue, a moment, then mull over the particulars providing his own distinct commentary. One evening, dinner included braised chicken, jasmine rice and fresh steamed green beans. He sat quietly at the dinner table. I asked how he liked dinner and he said the beans were undercooked. I explained the health benefits of cooking vegetables "al dente." He was familiar with the phrase, and with gears turning he retorted, "The next time I want my teeth dented, I'll let you know."

After dinners and on weekends, Wally retreated to the garage, his man-cave. No ordinary garage, it was quite like a living room, carpeted, filled with antique furniture, two recliners and a flat screen TV.

He spent a lot of time there, often with friends, talking and watching sporting events. He would fire up the heater, turn on the tube, and "Wally's Place" would come alive. Our 100-pound Airedale, Higgins, would jump up and spread out over Wally's legs and the cat, Carson, would tuck himself on one side of the chair cuddled next to Wally.

The garage was cozy and warm, the walls covered with great posters of the surfing Reef girls, Mr. T. with his 40 pounds of gold chains and blown-up photos of Wally's beloved pets. And on the wall hung a framed 3 X 4 foot caricature of Wally at bat in his Cullenberg uniform, cap and cleats. In the background of this drawing, sitting on the bleachers, drinking sodas and cheering him on were Higgins (Airedale) and Carson (tabby cat). In the corner near his chair, stood a tall curio cabinet filled with every letter and sports' trophy he had ever won.

Wally's pride and joy was the "Big Orange," a beautiful slightly modified Silverado truck, with custom accessories and a custom paint job—McLaren orange, the color of the Laguna-Seco racing Mustangs. His truck, one of a kind, was recognized all over town and looked new the day he died.

Above all, he loved his "kids," our large breed Airedales (4 in 45 years), all named Higgins (Higgins I, II, III and IV). Four cats in the same time frame—Ming, Minnie, Carson and Punkin. Wally often cradled the cats in his arm, like a newborn baby, gently bouncing them up and down, carrying them from room to room. The cats tolerated this as they lay on their backs, feet straight up in the air, moon-eyed as they surely pondered the sanity of humankind. Nonetheless, they, like I, were lucky to have his love and attention.

How fortunate was I to have Wally as a friend and wonderful husband for forty years. He was such a kind and gentle soul; he loved and appreciated the simple things in life—a loving wife, a cozy home, home-cooked meals, family and friends, and his "kids." All these were monumental gifts to him. He loved working at Schmidbauer, walking our Higgins every day, and particularly the peace and quiet of our lives together.

Wally is now in a secret place. He has returned from where he first was born. He was self-effacing, so kind and gentle to those who knew him. He will be remembered for his uniqueness, his kind spirit and great heart. He was the exclamation point of my life and he will never be forgotten.

He was predeceased by his mother, Ruth Harper and stepfather, Joe Harper;

father, Manuel Costa; and grandparents, Fern and Tom Ross.

Wally is survived by his wife, Jude Cole Costa and siblings, David Costa, Tracy Rymer and Yolanda Costa. His is survived by friends Stu Rosenberg, Bob Lay, Bill Kirchman, Craig Spjut, Toby Anderson and Chad Britten...and all those who greeted him daily and shared special conversations with him as he walked Higgins around the ballfields.

"And, when he shall die,
Take him and cut him out in little stars,
And he will make
the face of Heaven so fine
That all the world will be in love with night
And pay no worship to the garish sun."

— William Shakespeare



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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF KEIKO ZAJANC CASE NO. PR2300372

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of KEIKO ZAJANC A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by Petitioner DAVID ZAJANC The petition for probate requests that DAVID ZAJANC be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent. THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A HEARING on the petition will be held on January 25, 2024 at 1:31 p.m. at the Superior Court of California, County of Humboldt, 825 Fifth Street, Eureka, in Dept.: 4, Room: 4

For information on how to appear remotely for your hearing, please visit <https://www.humboldt.courts.ca.gov/>

IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.

YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available

from the court clerk. Attorney for Petitioner: Thomas B. Hjerpe, Esq. Law Office of Hjerpe & Godinho, LLP 350 E Street, 1st Floor Eureka, CA 95501 (707) 442-7262 Filed: December 26, 2023 SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

1/4, 1/11, 1/18/2024 (24-002)

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF RUSSELL McGAUGHEY CASE NO. PR2300373

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of RUSSELL McGAUGHEY A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by Petitioner JENNIFER McGAUGHEY The petition for probate requests that JENNIFER McGAUGHEY be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent. THE PETITION requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by court. THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A HEARING on the petition will be held on January 25, 2024 at 1:31 p.m. at the Superior Court of California, County of Humboldt, 825 Fifth Street, Eureka, in Dept.: 4, Room: 4

For information on how to appear remotely for your hearing, please visit <https://www.humboldt.courts.ca.gov/>

IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney. IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days

from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law. YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk. Attorney for Petitioner: Jocelyn M. Godinho, Esq.

Law Office of Hjerpe & Godinho, LLP 350 E Street, First Floor Eureka, CA 95501 (707) 442-7262 Filed: December 28, 2023 SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

1/4, 1/11, 1/18/2024 (24-004)

LEGALS?

County Public Notices
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Trustee Sale
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442-1400 x314

**ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS
RIO DELL EXERCISE STATION AT TRIANGLE PARK**

CITY OF RIO DELL

675 WILDWOOD AVENUE. RIO DELL, CALIFORNIA 95562

Notice is hereby given that separate sealed bids for the award of contract for the construction of the **Rio Dell Exercise Station at Triangle Park** will be received by the City of Rio Dell at the office of the City Clerk until **3:00 p.m. Pacific Daylight Savings Time, January 26, 2024** and then at said office publicly opened and read aloud.

The work consists of construction of a new Exercise Station, including minor earthwork, concrete sidewalk, concrete curbing, installation of Landscape Structures equipment, including a Hand Cycler, Squat Press, Ab Crunch/Leg Lift and Pull-Up/Dip bar, placement of Shasta Forest Products Wood Fiber.

The time for completion shall be forty-five (45) working days.

The Contract Documents, in their entirety, can be viewed and/or obtained from the City of Rio Dell website at www.cityofriodell.ca.gov or at the following locations:

Humboldt Builders Exchange (www.humbx.com)
North Coast Builders Exchange (<https://ncbeonline.com/>)
Shasta Builders Exchange (<https://www.shastabe.com/>)

A payment bond prepared and executed in accordance with California Civil Code Section 3247 and a bond for faithful performance of the contract will be required of the successful bidder who is awarded the contract.

The successful bidder must comply with the latest general prevailing rate of per diem wages as determined by the Director of Industrial Relations, State of California, Department of Industrial Relations and is to be paid to the various craftsmen and laborers required to construct said improvements and is made a part of the specifications and contract for said work to which reference is hereby made for further particulars.

No contractor or subcontractor may be listed on a bid proposal or awarded a contract for public work on a public works project unless registered with the Department of Industrial Relations pursuant to Labor Code section 1725.5.

This project is subject to compliance monitoring and enforcement by the Department of Industrial Relations. Contractor registration information can be found at:

<http://www.dir.ca.gov/Public-Works/PublicWorks.html>

Each bid shall be accompanied by cashier's or certified check or by a bidder's bond, made payable to the City of Rio Dell and executed by a corporate surety licensed to issue surety bonds in the State of California, for an amount equal to at least ten percent (10%) of the amount of said bid and no bid shall be considered unless such cashier's or certified check or bidder's bond is enclosed therewith.

The successful bidder of this project shall have the following current and active California State Contractor's License at the time of the submission of the bid and throughout the duration of the contract: **Class A – General Engineering Contractor.**

Bidders shall refer to the Contract Document's Information for Bidders for complete instructions. Bidders are solely responsible for the cost of preparing their bids.

The City specifically reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to reject any or all bids, to re-bid, or to waive inconsequential defects, in bidding not involving time, or quality of the work. The City may reject any and all bids and waive any minor irregularities in the bids.

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME TRAVIS VEGA CASE NO. CV2302087 SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT 825 FIFTH ST. EUREKA, CA. 95501

PETITION OF: TRAVIS VEGA for a decree changing names as follows: Present name TRAVIS WAYNE VEGA SANCHEZ to Proposed Name MISTER VEGA THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before

the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.

NOTICE OF HEARING
Date: March 8, 2024
Time: 1:45 p.m., Dept. 4 Room 4
SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT 825 FIFTH STREET EUREKA, CA 95501

To appear remotely, check in advance of the hearing for information about how to do so on the court's website. To find your court's website, go to www.courts.ca.gov/find-my-court.htm.

Date: January 4, 2024
Filed: January 4, 2024
/s/ Timothy A. Canning
Judge of the Superior Court

1/11, 1/18, 1/25, 2/1/2024 (24-011)

NOTICE OF WAREHOUSE LIEN SALE [CIV. CODE SEC. 798.56A(E); COMM. CODE SECS. 7209, 7210]

TO ELIZABETH GRACE JACKSON AND DUSTY RUCKER; AND ALL PERSONS CLAIMING AN INTEREST in the following goods:

A 1972 mobilehome, Manufacturer: Glenbrook HM N Calif. Inc., Tradename: Glenbrook, Decal No. ABG9749, Serial No. 0071; HUD Label/Insignia 35357.

SINCE THE DEMAND MADE under Civil Code Section 798.56a(e) and Commercial Code Sections 7209, 7210(2) of the Commercial Code by **QSW, INC. dba TOWN & COUNTRY MOBILE VILLA, a California corporation** ("Community Owner") for payment in full of the storage charges due and unpaid was not satisfied, the above-stated mobilehome, held on account of Elizabeth Jackson and Dusty Rucker, and due notice having been given to all parties known to claim an interest in the mobilehome and the time specified in the notice having expired, **notice is hereby given** said mobilehome, and all of the fixtures contained in the home, will be advertised for public sale and sold by auction at **10:00 a.m. on December 22, 2023 at 4984 Van Dyke Ct., City of Arcata, County of Humboldt, State of California 95521.** The subject mobilehome, and all fixtures contained in the home, will be sold in bulk, "as-is" without warranties of title, fitness for a particular purpose or any other warranties, express or implied, and will be subject to a credit bid by Community Owner. The sale is subject to change upon proper notice.

Please take notice payment at the public sale must be made by certified funds within three (3) days of the warehouse lien sale or at the time the mobilehome is removed from the premises, whichever is sooner. Failure to pay or remove as required will result in failure of the bid in which case the next highest bid will be taken subject to these same terms and conditions; if the next highest bidder is Community Owner's credit bid, then Community Owner's credit bid will prevail.

Reasonable storage charges at the per diem rate of at least \$14.82 from September 27, 2023, plus utilities and other charges due as of November 1, 2023 of at least \$234.72, plus estimated charges of \$1,000.00 for publication and service charges (note: this is an estimated administrative charge only; actual charges incurred must be paid to satisfy the demand for payment), all associated with the storage of the mobilehome in the sum of \$1,842.34. Additionally, you must pay daily storage in the amount of \$14.82 per day accruing on or after November 7, 2023, plus utilities and other charges associated with the storage of the mobilehome due after December 1, 2023, and continuing until the mobilehome is removed from the Community.

Please take further notice all bidders must remove the subject mobilehome from the premises within seventy-two (72) hours after the sale or disposition of the same. THE MOBILEHOME MAY NOT REMAIN IN TOWN & COUNTRY MOBILE VILLA AFTER THE SALE OR DISPOSITION. Any purchaser of the mobilehome will take title and possession subject to any liens under California Health & Safety Code §18116.1. All bidders are responsible and liable for any penalties, or other costs, including, but not limited to, defective title or other bond, which may be necessary to obtain title to, or register, the mobilehome.

TOWN & COUNTRY MOBILE VILLA

Dated: November 27, 2023, at San Jose, California BY: ANDREW J. DITLEVSEN

LEGAL NOTICES

PUBLIC SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned intends to sell the personal property described below to enforce a lien imposed on said property pursuant to Sections 21700-21716 of the Business & Professions Code, Section 2328 of the UCC, Section 535 of the Penal Code and provisions of the civil Code.

The undersigned will sell at auction by competitive bidding on the 24th of January, 2024, at 9:00 AM, on the premises where said property has been stored and which are located at Rainbow Self Storage.

The following spaces are located at 4055 Broadway Eureka, CA, County of Humboldt.

Geoffrey Burns, Space #5101
Rebecca Reeves, Space #5258
Cindy O'Neil, Space #5332
Victoria Ramsey, Space #5402
Samantha Delaney, Space #5442

The following spaces are located at 639 W. Clark Street Eureka, CA, County of Humboldt and will be sold immediately following the sale of the above units.

Damian Morton, #2416
Carissa Fidler, Space #2914
Johana Alfred, Space #3008
Dixie Rogers, Space #3114
Alma Baker, Space #3411

The following spaces are located at 3618 Jacobs Avenue Eureka, CA, County of Humboldt and will be sold immediately following the sale of the above units.

Amber Lund, Space #1126
Michael Dolan, Space #1190
Caleb Hanevik, Space #1222
Madeline Alvarado, Space #1361

The following spaces are located at 105 Indianola Avenue Eureka, CA, County of Humboldt and will be sold immediately following the sale of the above units.

Dan Conant, Space #286
Hannah Hudson, Space #356
James Topp, Space #425
Matthew Plants, Space #481
Elise Jones, Space #482
Pamela Petersen, Space #486
Amber Lund, Space #562
Erin Cranford, Space #588
Erin Cranford, Space #595
Anna Sparer, Space #740
Anthony Hartshorn, Space #759
Annamarie Whipple, Space #819

REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS
FOR CITY ENGINEERING SERVICES

The City of Trinidad ("City") is inviting proposals from qualified firms to provide "On-Call Engineering Services" ("Consultant"), as set forth in a Request for Qualifications ("RFQ"). Firms submitting Statements of Qualifications (SOQ) must be prepared to immediately enter into a Professional Services Agreement ("Agreement") for the services described in this RFQ and must be available to the City on an as-needed basis for a three-year agreement term, with the option for two (2) one-year extensions. The budget for the Agreement shall not exceed \$5,000,000 total. The RFQ package is available for download on Ciplist.com. Information about the City of Trinidad may be found at www.trinidad.ca.gov. SOQs must be received by 2:00 p.m. on January 31, 2024.

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Separate sealed bids will be received to provide the furnishing of all labor, material, equipment, and supervision for the construction of the HSIP Cycle 10 Project HSIPSL-5036(016). The work generally includes, but is not limited to: removal of existing asphalt pavement, concrete sidewalk, concrete driveways, concrete curb and gutter, and guardrail; and the placement/construction of concrete sidewalk, concrete driveways, concrete curb ramps, concrete curb and gutter, hot mix asphalt pavement and dikes, pavement striping and markings, MGS, terminal end sections, signage, rectangular rapid flashing beacons (RRFBs), storm drain piping, and storm drain inlets as shown on the plans. The estimated construction cost is approximately \$ 482,000.

The plans, specifications, bid forms and contract documents for the Project, and any addenda thereto ("Contract Documents") may be downloaded from City's website located at: <https://trinidad.ca.gov/>.

Each proposal must be submitted on the prescribed form and accompanied by a certified check or Bid Bond in an amount of not less than 10 percent of the amount bid. Successful bidders will be required to furnish both a Payment Bond and Performance Bond in the full amount of the Contract Price.

In accordance with Public Contract Code Section 10263 the Contractor will be allowed to substitute securities for monies normally withheld by the Owner to insure performance under this contract.

To bid on this project, contractors must hold the following contractor's license: Class "A" General Engineering. This is a public works project so all bidders must be registered with the Department of Industrial Relations (DIR) and pay the prevailing wage rates (this includes, travel, subsistence, holiday pay, designated days off and overtime) determined by the Director of the DIR according to the type of work and location.

The following spaces are located at 100 Indianola Avenue Eureka, CA, County of Humboldt and will be sold immediately following the sale of the above units.

None

The following spaces are located at 1641 Holly Drive McKinleyville, CA, County of Humboldt and will be sold immediately following the sale of the above units.

John Davis, Space #4106
Isaac Williams, Space #7202
Isaac Williams, Space #7208

The following spaces are located at 2394 Central Avenue McKinleyville CA, County of Humboldt and will be sold immediately following the sale of the above units.

Kelly Chaucer, Space #9241
Buddy Bennett, Space #9332

The following spaces are located at 180 F Street Arcata CA, County of Humboldt and will be sold immediately following the sale of the above units.

Tony Correll, Space #4135
Vonda Cathey, Space #4710
David Stock, Space #6021
Alyssa Thomas, Space #6111
Jack DeCorso, Space #6119

The following spaces are located at 940 G Street Arcata CA, County of Humboldt and will be sold immediately following the sale of the above units.

Paul Kennedy, Space #6322
Jonathan Pena-Centes, Space #6354
Benjamin Contreras, Space #6409
Tyler Martin, Space #6449

Items to be sold include, but are not limited to:
Household furniture, office equipment, household appliances, exercise equipment, TVs, VCR, microwave, bikes, books, misc. tools, misc. camping equipment, misc. stereo equip. misc. yard tools, misc. sports equipment, misc. kids toys, misc. fishing gear, misc. computer components, and misc. boxes and bags contents unknown.

Anyone interested in attending Rainbow Self Storage auctions must pre-qualify. For details call 707-443-1451.
Purchases must be paid for at the time of the sale in cash only. All pre-qualified Bidders must sign in at 4055 Broadway Eureka CA. prior to 9:00 A.M. on the day of the auction, no exceptions. All purchased items are sold as is, where is and must be removed at time of sale. Sale is subject to cancellation for any reason whatsoever.
Auctioneer: Nicole Pettit, Employee for Rainbow Self-Storage, 707-443-1451, Bond # 40083246.

1/11, 1/18/2024 (24-007)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT 23-00684

The following person is doing Business as
BEST WESTERN ARCATA INN

Humboldt
4827 Valley W Blvd
Arcata, CA 95521

46560 Fremont Blvd Ste 111
Fremont, CA 94538

Arcata Properties LLC
CA 202359312080
46560 Fremont Blvd Ste 111
Fremont, CA 94538

The business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company.
The date registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or name listed above on Not Applicable
I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct.
A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).
/s Harpreet Sidhu, Member
This November 29, 2023
JUAN P. CERVANTES
by jc, Humboldt County Clerk

12/21, 12/28, 1/4, 1/11/2024 (23-440)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT 23-00667

The following person is doing Business as
LOST COAST LOGISTICS, LLC

Humboldt
112 W 3rd St
Eureka, CA 95501

Sisu Extraction, LLC
CA 201723710547
112 W 3rd St
Eureka, CA 95501

The business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company.
The date registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or name listed above on Not Applicable
I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct.
A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).
/s Trillian Schroeder, President
This November 17, 2023
JUAN P. CERVANTES
by sg, Humboldt County Clerk

12/21, 12/28, 1/4, 1/11/2024 (23-441)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT 23-00696

The following person is doing Business as
HARMONY HOLISTIC SKINCARE AND WELLNESS

Humboldt
427 F St, Suite 207
Eureka, CA 95501

3344 Gross St
Eureka, CA 95503

Heidi S Horner
3344 Gross St
Eureka, CA 95503

The business is conducted by an Individual.
The date registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or name listed above on December 1, 2023
I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct.
A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).
/s Heidi Horner, Owner
This December 5, 2023
JUAN P. CERVANTES
by jc, Humboldt County Clerk

12/21, 12/28, 1/4, 1/11/2024 (23-438)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT 23-00712

The following person is doing Business as
SCURFIELD ELECTRIC HEATING AND SOLAR

Humboldt
550 South G Street #14
Arcata, CA 95521

Scurfield Solar and Heating
CA 04096773
550 South G Street #14
Arcata, CA 95521

The business is conducted by a Corporation.



REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL FOR DEL NORTE LIBRARY
ROOF REPLACEMENT AND SKYLIGHT REPAIR

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Governing Board of the Redwoods Community College District, of the County of Humboldt, State of California, is soliciting proposals for qualified vendors to replace the roof and repair the skylights of the Del Norte Campus Library, located in Crescent City, CA. Proposals are due on **February 22, 2024 at 2:00 PM PST.**

A Site walk will be conducted at the Del Norte Campus located at: Del Norte Education Center 883 W. Washington Blvd, Crescent City, CA 95531 on **February 6th, 2024 @ 1:30 pm.**

Proposal Documents (RFP) are available at: College of the Redwoods 7351 Tompkins Hill Road, Eureka, CA 95501, Website: <https://www.redwoods.edu/businessoffice/PurchasingInquiries> may be directed to: Leslie Marshall, Director, Facilities and Planning, Email : leslie-marshall@redwoods.edu. PROPOSALS ARE DUE: No later than 2:00 PM PST on February 22, 2024. All proposals must be submitted electronically by email to Leslie- Marshall@redwoods.edu, or a thumb drive by mail to: College of the Redwoods, Attn: Leslie Marshall, 7351 Tompkins Hill Road, Eureka, CA 95501.

Only proposals that are in strict conformance with the instructions included in the Request for Statements of Proposals will be considered.

REDWOODS COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT



**Humboldt Bay
Municipal
Water District**

Humboldt Bay Municipal Water District (District) is inviting Statements of Qualifications (SOQ) to be considered for selection by the District to perform bid period assistance and construction management services for the District's Reservoirs Seismic Retrofit Project.

See RFQ packet on District's Website:
<https://www.hbmwd.com/district-news>

Responses are due by 3:00 p.m. on February 8, 2024. Call General Manager, John Friedenbach at 707-443-5018 with questions.

The date registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or name listed above on December 13, 2023
I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct.
A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).
/s Benjamin Scurfield, President
CEO
This December 14, 2023
JUAN P. CERVANTES
by jc, Humboldt County Clerk

12/21, 12/28, 1/4, 1/11/2024 (23-439)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 23-00714
The following person is doing Business as
AGHAIDH

Humboldt
215 Burns Ct
Whitethorn, CA 95589

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/s Manoa Sayers, Owner
This December 14, 2023
JUAN P. CERVANTES
by sg, Humboldt County Clerk

12/21, 12/28, 1/4, 1/11/2024 (23-443)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 23-00717
The following person is doing Business as
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/s Scott Rogers, Owner
This December 8, 2023
JUAN P. CERVANTES
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12/21, 12/28, 1/4, 1/11/2024 (23-442)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 23-00731
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/s Doug Boltzen, Owner
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JUAN P. CERVANTES
by sc, Humboldt County Clerk

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by sg, Humboldt County Clerk

12/21, 12/28, 1/4, 1/11/2024 (23-442)

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME JULIAN WERLY
CASE NO. CV2302088
SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT 825 FIFTH ST. EUREKA, CA. 95501

PETITION OF:
JULIAN WERLY
for a decree changing names as follows:
Present name
JULIAN TOBIAS WERLY
to Proposed Name
JULIAN TOBIAS GEORGE
THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.

12/21, 12/28, 1/4, 1/11/2024 (23-442)

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NOTICE OF HEARING
Date: March 8, 2024
Time: 1:45 p.m., Dept. 4 Room 4
SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT 825 FIFTH STREET EUREKA, CA 95501

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Date: January 4, 2024
Filed: January 4, 2024
/s/ Timothy A. Canning
Judge of the Superior Court

1/11, 1/18, 1/25, 2/1/2024 (24-009)

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME TRAVIS VEGA
CASE NO. CV2302087
SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT 825 FIFTH ST. EUREKA, CA. 95501

PETITION OF:
TRAVIS VEGA
for a decree changing names as follows:
Present name
TRAVIS WAYNE VEGA SANCHEZ
to Proposed Name
MISTER VEGA
THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.

NOTICE OF HEARING
Date: March 8, 2024
Time: 1:45 p.m., Dept. 4 Room 4
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Date: January 4, 2024
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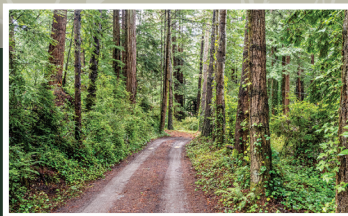


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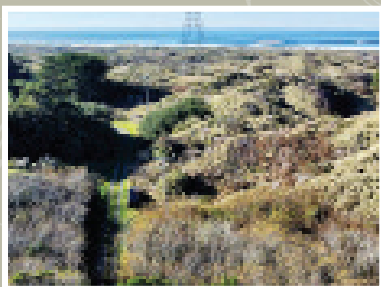
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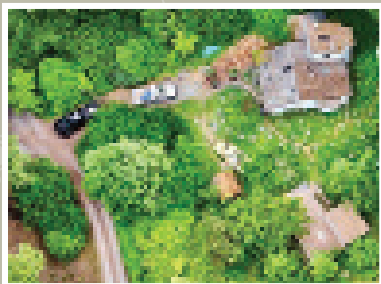
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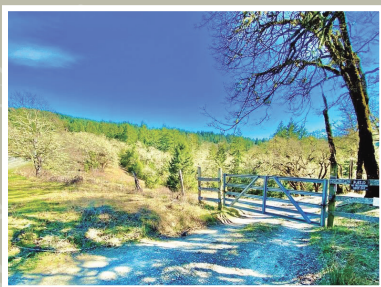
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easy access, a peaceful year round creek, building site, and beautiful views of McClellan Rock on this versatile property!



\pm 51 ACRES HIDDEN VALLEY
ROAD, LARABEE VALLEY
\$485,000

\pm 51 Acre homesteader's dream overlooking beautiful Larabee Valley! Property features a well-built and cozy cabin with a wood stove, a loft bedroom and quality workmanship

and upgraded finishes throughout. Water is plentiful with a well, catchment tanks, and registered water rights from the seasonal creek that flows through the property. Also includes a metal shop building with attached bathroom/laundry room and another well- built unfinished home/storage building with wood stove that would make another nice cabin. Bonus cannabis permit can be included in sale!



33 & 39 KINGSTON
ROAD, FIELDBROOK
\$439,00

Two units on an oversized double lot offering a unique opportunity for versatile living arrangements or investment potential. The 3/1 main

residence features a functional floor plan, wood fire and forced air heat, and carpet and linoleum flooring. With a little bit of elbow grease, the additional approximate 800 sq ft 1/1 back unit provides flexibility for guests or rental potential. With ample space for hobbies or animals, this property invites a lifestyle of versatility and potential.



2027 SUNSET RIDGE
ROAD, BLOCKSBURG
\$195,000

Premium hunting property boasting a newly drilled well end of the road privacy and beautiful rolling meadows. The

1,000 sq. ft. open concept cabin with a full bathroom and loft was just completed last year with new electric, septic, and a large deck with stunning views. Plenty of space for gardening, animals, and great solar energy potential! Cannabis permit for 10k sq.ft. can be included in sale.

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